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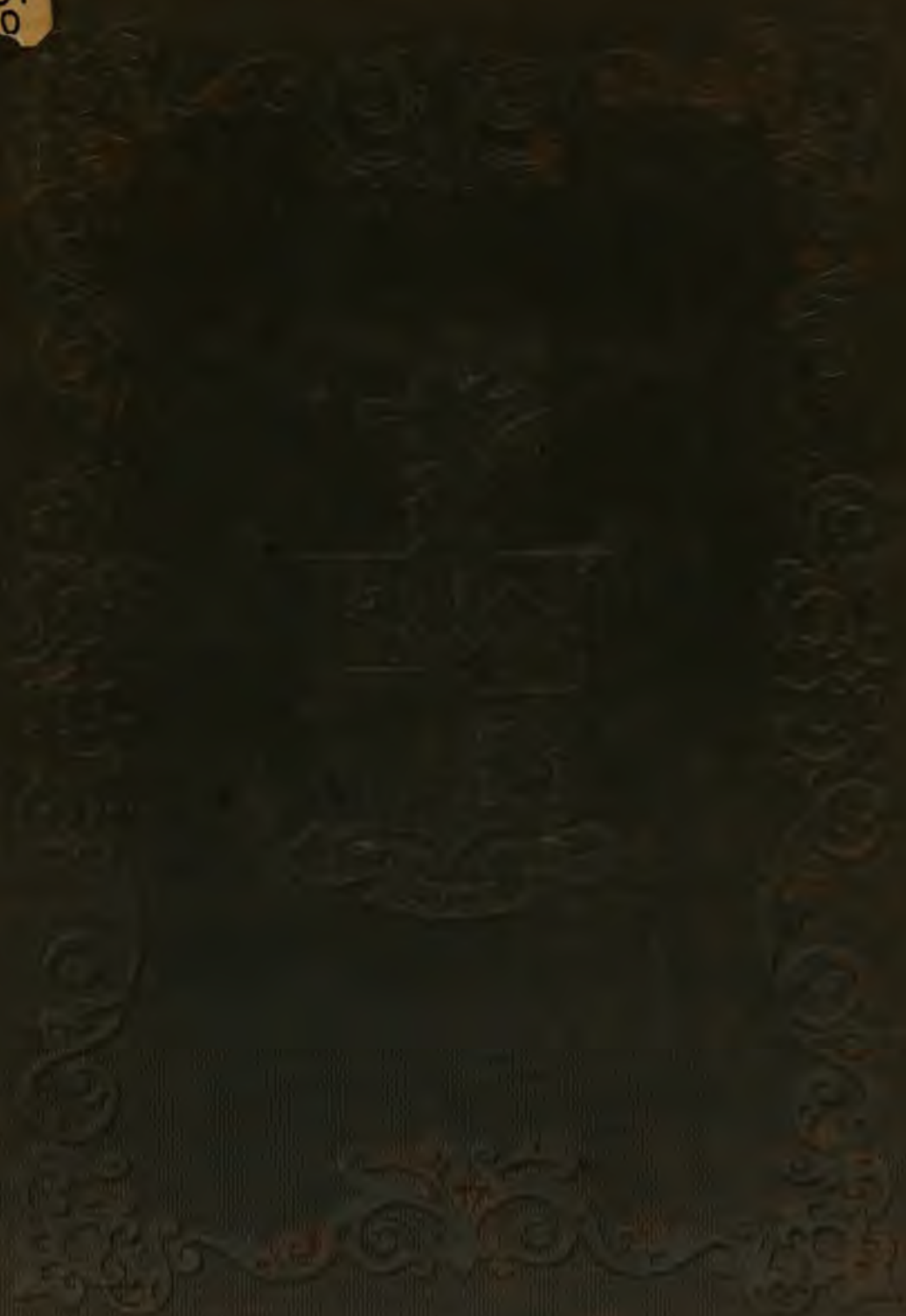
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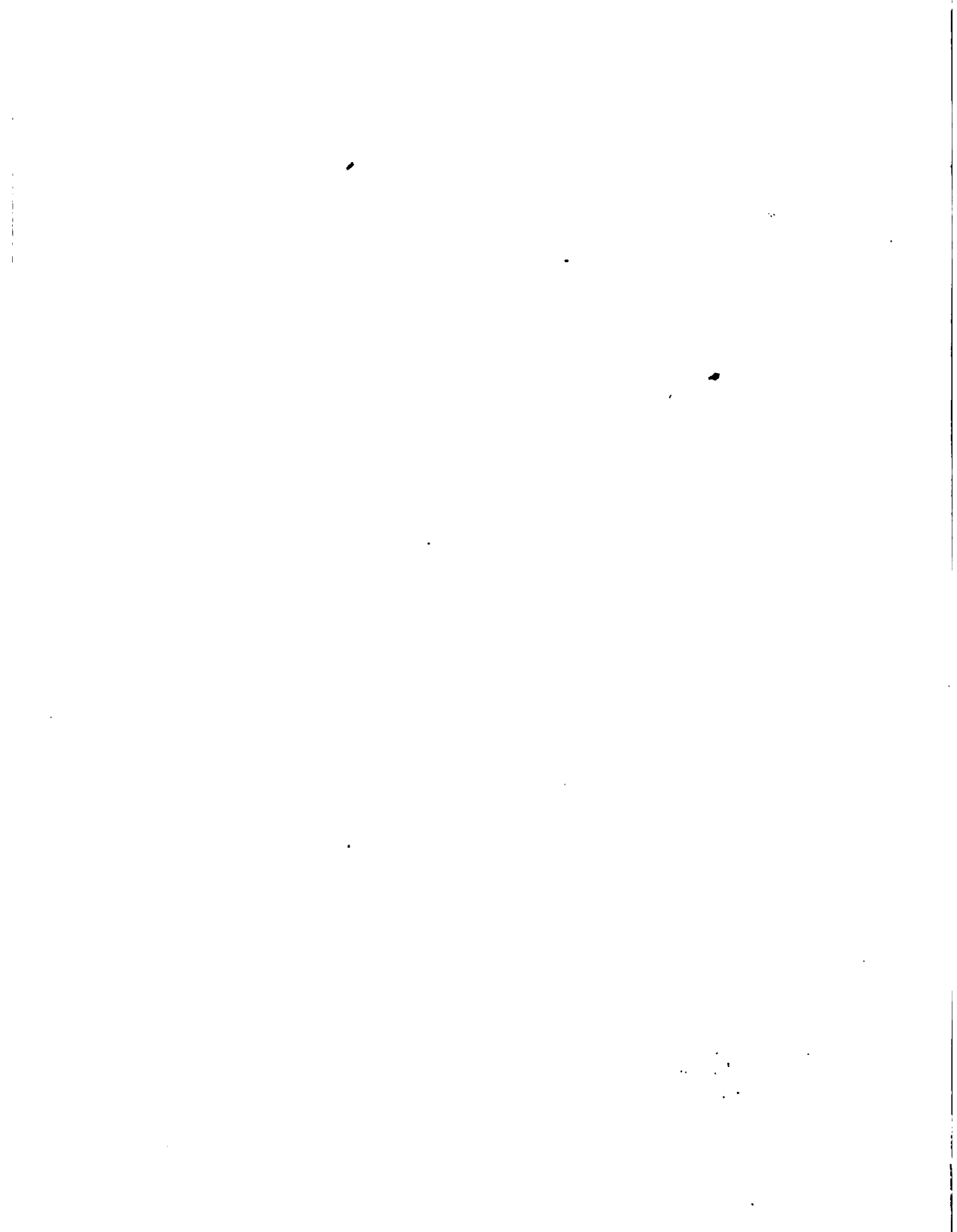
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INTRODUCTION.

THE Wills now submitted to the Members of the CHETHAM SOCIETY were transcribed by the late Rev. JOHN PICCOPE, M.A., Incumbent of Farndon, from the Archives in the Ecclesiastical Court of Chester. By the kind permission of the Rev. HENRY RAIKES, M.A., late Chancellor of the Diocese, he had access to the various documents in the Registry, a privilege of which his peculiar taste for such pursuits and his intimate acquaintance with the pedigrees of Lancashire and Cheshire families, induced him eagerly to avail himself. The entire collection, from which the present volume is taken, consists of nearly three hundred wills and inventories, embracing every class of society in the two counties palatine of Lancaster and Chester. They were originally selected with a view to their future publication by the Society, but a protracted illness unfortunately prevented my father's hopes being realised during his lifetime.

The wills are printed as nearly as possible in extenso, some technical forms and tedious repetitions being, however,

omitted; and, with very few exceptions, every legacy has been inserted. It has been thought desirable to retain the contractions and capricious manner of spelling, so as to give a faithful and literal copy of the original.

My warmest thanks are due to HENRY RAIKES, Esq., the Registrar of the Diocese, not only for permission to collate the MSS., but for previous examinations of the Records in his care. To the Rev. CANON RAINES of Milnrow I am under the deepest obligation for information at all times so liberally afforded, and for his valuable assistance and advice whilst the work was progressing through the press.

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LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE WILLS.

THE WILL OF EMME LATE WIFE OF ANDREW CARRINGTON OF CARRINGTON ESQ.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The xxvj day of Marche in the yeŕ of oʀ Lord
God mcccc.....[I Emme] Caryngton the late wiffe of Andrew
Caryngton esquier decessed hole in mynd and body dred-
ynge the pells of dethe make my last will and testament in manⁿ
and forme fo..... ffirst I beqweth my sowlle unto Almyghtie God
oʀ lady Saynt Mary and to all y^e company of heyvn and my
body to be buryed in Saint Nicholes chapell at Bowden Also I will
that my best guds be my mortuarie And for the assured disposiçōn
and of all my goodē I will and beqweth unto my son Laurence
Holynwort and [sic] the gowne he boght me in London
redy maid as it is in recompence of that he paid for it Also I will
..... unto Withm Holynwort my son x^{li} w^t this pviso that if he

¹ Proved April 11, 1525. Andrew Carrington, husband of the testatrix, died about 12 Hen. VIII., in which year his inquisition post mortem was taken. In the pedigree of this family in Ormerod's *Cheshire*, vol. i. p. 412, the name of Andrew Carrington's wife is not mentioned, but it is evident from this will that she was the mother of John Carrington, and that she had been previously married to a Hollingworth, probably of the family of that name in the parish of Mottram.

delyv^d or cawse to be delyv^d to my son John Caryngton the astate y^t he hadde by my request of y^e grond of my son John then I will he have y^e forsaide sūme of x^{li} And if he will nott delyv^d it then I will y^t my said have y^e forsaide sūme of x^{li} to his awne p^{ro}pur use Also I publisse and declare by this my will and testament that it was nev^{er} my mynde nor entent nor it was nev^{er} agreed bytwix that my forsaide son Wiffm Holynwort schuld have nor receyve no maⁿ of part of the forsaide Duryng my naturall liffe And moreov^{er} it was agreed att y^e tyme of makyng of y^e said that I the forsaide Emme schuld have y^e custodie of the forsaide estate for suertie that he aske no part theroff duryng terme of my liffe and so had unto such tyme as my said son Holynwort accompanied wth my cosyn Thomas Hyde and my son John Holynwort and S^r John p^{re}st cam to me and desired delyv^{er}ance thereof for his awne suertie aft^r my decesse and he sworne upon the holy Evangelists nev^{er} to aske no pt theroff duryng my liffe in p^{re}sence of forsaide p^{er}sons And furthemof I the forsaide Emme say I have no pt of his good^e in my And all this aforesaid is trew as I schall answar att y^e day of judgement Also I will my son John Holynwort have y^e v markes that I lent hym and this halffe yer^e rent past is Also I will and beqweth to my said son John Holynwort a chalice wth this p^{ro}viso may ther remayn for ev^{er} as an heylrome and of my gifte and nev^{er} by hym or eny of successo^{rs} thens to be removed Also I will and beqweth to my doght^{er} Anne Ward my b..... and fruntlett Also I will and beqweth unto S^r Nicholas Warburton chaplyn to my said son Caryngton vj markes to syng a yer^e for my sowlle and my husband^e sowlles and he to the chapell att Caryngton Also I will and beqweth unto John Caryngton my son best of my movable good^e to y^e valure of x^{li} wth this p^{ro}viso that he have y^e gov^{er}me..... for tyme of his liffe and aft^r his decesse to remayn to his heyr in this howse as of for ev^{er} and nev^{er} by wiffe nor wiffes no pt y^eoff to be taken

away nor removyd to continew for ev̄ mo^o Also I will
 and beqweth aft⁹ my bryngyng furth and my ev̄y thing
 cōtent and paid all y^e residew of my goodes unbeqwethed unto y^e
 mariag..... my son John Caryngton ij doghto^{rs} M^garett and Jane
 equally to be devyded betwixt p^ry for my sowlle Also I will
 that my exequuto^{rs} of the holl of all my goodes and ev̄y thyng
 be savyd harmeles in fulfillyng of this my last will and he that
 and is contentt to fulfill yis my last will schall have my
 blessingy afor the face of he that is wilfull and will lett or
 trobull my exequuto^{rs} in fulfillyng of my last will schall have
 my curse in hevyn and on herth Also the^r is div̄se that I
 remytt to y^e discrecōn of my exequuto^{rs} And I cōstitute and orden
 my t..... exequuto^{rs} my son John Caryngton and my son John
 Holynwort to be [sic] that this and ev̄y thyng substancially
 be p^rformed and Wiffm Longley clerke pson of P^rstwich the^r
 beyng wittness Jamys Massy esquier Hugh Typpying pson of Asshe-
 ton Sir Nicholas Smyth Sir Robert Massye S^r Nicholas
 Warburton w^t many mo.

THE WILL OF THOMAS STANLEY OF WEVER AND ALDERLEY.¹

..... amen viij Julii anno ccccxxv I Thomas
 Stanley of Wev^o hole in mynd make my testament and last

¹ No date of probate. Thomas Stanley was the second son and ultimately heir of Sir John Stanley, brother of Thomas first Earl of Derby, by Elizabeth, daughter and heiress of Thomas Wever of Wever and Alderley. He married in 1505 to his first wife, Douce, daughter of Thomas Liversedge of Wheelock Esq. Elizabeth, mentioned in the will, was his second wife, and died in 1527. Thomas Stanley, his son and heir,

will of all my goodes movables in man^r and forme as folowth that is to witte first I beqwethe my sowlle to Allmightie God o^r lady Saint Mary and to all the sainttes in hevyn and my body to be buried in the chauncell of my chapell wthin the Mydill Wiche and my best beast to be my mortuarie Also I giffe and beqweth to my wiffe Elisabeth Stanley all such sumes of money as I have or may have in the howre of my deth or schall have oghyng me for the marriedge of my son and heyr beyng unpaid of Thomas Davenport of Henbury esquier or of his heyres exequuto^{rs} or assignes and all obligacions and y^e pfettes y^eoff concernyng the same maryedge Also I will that of y^e residew of my goode that I be broght home and my dette paid Also I will that y^e rest of my goodes then lasfe to be devydid it is to witte the on halffe to my wiffe and y^e oy^r halffe to my child^r amonges them Also I giffe and beqweth to y^e poch church of y^e said Mydull Wiche and to my chapell their xx^s by evyn porco^{ns} y^t is to witt the on halffe to y^e church and the oy^r halffe to my chapell to repa^{co}ns theroff and my exequuto^{rs} to have it to bestow thereon as thei schall thinke best And also I will and orden my wiffe Elisabeth and Wifm Stanley of Hooton knyght to be my exequuto^{rs} and Wifm Venables of Kinderton esquier to be my ovseer to se this my last will be fulfilled and kepte Thes beynge witnesses my gostly father S^r John Crosby curat M^r Ric. Sneid John Cleg of Gayton esquier John Cleg gentilman Randull Larden chaplen Raffe Huls Laurens Jacson Wifm Barnes and oy^r

married Johanna, daughter of Thomas Davenport of Henbury Esq. The testator died in 1527, whose lineal representative is Edward John, the second and present Lord Stanley of Alderley.

TESTAMENT. ROBTI HONFORD.

Þbat^o in eccia coff Sçi Jō Cestř xxvj die Augusti 1527.

IN Dei nomine Amen tercio die Augusti anno Dñi mccccxxvij
 Ego Robertus Honford de Echuls compos mētis et sane memo-
 rie eger tamē corpōr^o cñensque michi mortis piculū iminere condo
 testamentū meū in hunc modū In p^rmis lego aīam meā Deo P^ri
 Oipotenti beate Marie Virgini et oībus sčis ejus corpusque meū sepe-
 liend in eccia Sçi Wylfrydi de Northēn in capella beate Marie ibidm
 Et optimū meū aīal noīe mortuarii Itm I giff to the serves off o^r
 lady off Northēn all my purchest landes as mo^r pleylnly shall apē^r by
 a dede off feoffament made the^roff Itm I giff ij heffurs to the said
 serves Itm I will and charge myne executors and the ffeoffees off o^r
 ladies londes that they maynten S^r Hugh Johnson in that said serves
 of o^r lady att Northēn aforsaid and truly pey hym his wayges duly
 or cause thayme to be peid to hym yerly duryng his liff Itm I giff
 vj^s viij^d off money in the handes off Homfrey Hamnett And vij^s vj^d
 in the hande off Robt Rile off Sharston to the said serves off o^r lady
 aforsaid to maynteyne opon my ptie the seid serves Itm I will that
 the rest off the money I hogh to o^r lady off Boston as shall apē^r by
 my lett^r be well and truly cōtēted and paid It I gif to S^r Wiſſm
 Godeor vj^s viij^d to gett hym a serves w^t Itm I giff my white chamlett
 iakett to be a vestiment to o^r lady chapell aforsaid It I beqweth
 my goblett off syl^o and iij off my wurst syl^o spones w^t all the syl^o
 plate that is opon my hornes (except my serv^tnt Wiſſm horne) to-
 ward the makyng off a chales to the said chapell and if the said
 stuffe be not sufficyant I will that myne executors make it owt att
 the syzt off M^r pson off Northēn Itm I giff to the batelyng off the
 church off Northēn xxxiiij^s iiij^d Itm I giff to the makyng off the
 church of Cheidill xxxiiij^s iiij^d to be peid as their workis goith for-

ward Iſm the world I aſke forgiffynce and all the world charytably I forgiff and ev̄y mā that I ogh money I deſire theym for Godes ſake to take the dett like as myne executors may pay them and nott to be to haſtye y^oin. Iſm I giff to Wiſſm Motturshed my ſevnt a cowe and a gray nagge. Iſm I giff to Elyn my ſuſt^r my gowne furrett w^t whyte lambe. Iſm my will ys that Robt my ſon have all my tackes. Iſm the residue of my raymentes not beqwhethed I will that Robt my ſon have ſo that he giff to James Maſey his ſecond kendall iakett and alſo that he geiff to Richard Fene a iaket called my frocke The residue off all my goodes I giff clerely aftur my dette payd my funnall expenſes made and my will truly pformed unto Elyn my wyff and Robt my ſon which Robt I make orden and admytt my trewe and laifull executor to pforme this my laſt will alſo I orden and make John Davēport off Wudford and S^r John Breikell pson off Northen ſupvisors off this my laſt will pvidit heretofore that my will is that yechon off my ſervn̄t have their holl wages and bysydes yechon xij^d Theſe beryng wittenes S^r Hugh Johnson p̄ſt S^r Wiſſm Godyer p̄ſt and Wiſſm Motturshed with others dyverse &c.

THE WILL OF JOHN STARKEY OF AUGHTON.

Probat⁹ in eccl^e coſt Sct Johis Ceſtr̄ xvij die Septemb^r [1527.]

IN Dei noīe Amen p^rmo die mēſis Septembris anno Dñi miſſmo quingen^{mo} vicesimo ſexto Ego Johannes Starky de Aghton compos mentis et ſane memorie condo testamentū meū in hoc modo In p^rmis do et lego aīā meā Deo Oīpotenti b̄ſe Marie ma^r sue et oībus ſc̄is ejus corpusque meū ad ſepeliendū in ecclia pochiali de Aghton coram altare Sancti Nicolai epi Item do et lego meū optimū

aīal rectori ecclie de Aghton noīe p̄ncipali Item do et lego decē solidos p̄ uno trentali missar̄ distr̄buendos int̄ sac̄dotes Iſm do et lego dēe ecclie de Aghton sex solidos et octo denarios p̄ ejusdē reparatioībus Iſm do et lego Alexandro Radcliff militi oīa mea terras et tenemēta que hēo die confeccionis p̄sen̄ infra coīm Lanč ex dimissione et concessione M'gerie Starky mat'is mee Item do et lego eidē Alexandro vent'ricū molendinū de Aghton que hēo ex donaciōe ejusdem M'gerie mat'is mee coram testibus ad usum Elizabethhe uxoris mee et suor̄ pueroz̄ Item do et lego duo messuagia jacentia in Northwicho in comita⁹ Cest̄r cum dimidio domi salis scitua⁹ in p̄dco Northwicho ad usū p̄dce Elizabeth [et] pueroz̄ suor̄ Item do et lego dēe Elizabeth uxori mee oīa bona mea tam viva q^m mortua ad sustentationes ejusdē Elizabeth et pueroz̄ meoz̄ Item do et lego Joh Starky filio meo nō legitīe p̄crea⁹ plenā ptē suā onū bonoz̄ meoz̄ legatoz̄ Itē do et lego dco Alexandro Radcliff maritagū Johis Starky filii mei et heredē ad usū debita mea solvendē rev̄cione inde ad usū dēe Elisabeth et pueroz̄ suor̄ Itē do et lego dco Alexandro Radcliff oīa mea carta [sic] scripta et munimenta conc̄nientia t̄ras et tenemēta mea ea custodir̄ ad usū dci Johis filii et heredē mei Item ordino et facio Laurenciū Starky filiu meū et M'geriā Starky filiā meā meos veros executores ad implendū istā meā ulcīaz̄ voluntatē sicut volūt respondeī in die judicii [sic] Item ordō et facio dcm Alexandrū Radcliff militē et Thurstanū Tylsley sup̄visores istius testamenti mei et cū illis Matho [sic] Clyton consangēum meū In cujus rei test^m sigillum meū apposui die et anno sup̄dct̄

THE WILL OF JOHN MEOLES ESQ.

Probat¹ i⁸m eod¹ die [27 Sep. 1527.]

IN Dei noīe Amen xiiij die Maii anno xix H^r viij^{vi} ego Johes Meoles a^r sciens me mortalē ac diē mortis mee incertū cōdo testamentū meū in hūc modū In p^rmis lego aīam meā Deo Oīpotenti b^{te} Marie et oībz s^cis corpusque meū sepeliend¹ in ecclia de Kyrkby Waley corā imāgie b^{ti} Nicholai Item lego ecclie p^rdict¹ meū opti^m aīal noīe mortuarii Item lego fabrice campanilis ecclie p^rdict¹ xl^s Item lego Katine filie mee bastard¹ xl^s Item lego p^rori domus S^ci Jacobi de Byrkeheved vj^s viij^d applicand¹ ad picturā c^ccifixiorii ecclie p^roratus sui Item residuū bonoz meoz do et lego Thome Meoles seū frā¹ meo Katine Meoles sorori mee Galfrido Meoles filio meo et M^rgerie Meoles filie mee dividend¹ p^r equales porcōes Item ordino et constituo Johem p^rorem dom^e S^ci Jacobi p^rdict¹ et Wiłm Pole militem meos executores ut i⁸pi ordinēt et pimplent hanc meā ul^{ti}āz volutatē Et Ranulphū Pole cl^{ic}ū ordino et constituo supvisorē hujus test¹ mei hiis testibz Henrico Meoles fratre meo Ričo Hurleston & Petro Deyn Dat. die & anno sup^rdict¹.

TESTAMENTUM THOME CROUGHTON.¹

IN Dei noīe Amē I Thomas Croughton paynter w^t in y^e cite off Chest^r holle off mynde and seke in body in thes forme and man¹ foloyng my last testamēt and will in the yere off o^r Lord a mccc... & xxx do make In p^rmis I bequeth my soule to Almyghty God o^r blessed laydy and to all y^e holy company off heven and my body to be buret

¹ Proved October 20, 1530.

w^t in y^e p^ych church off Sanct Oswalde Also I w.....that y^o be made a p^rncipall and iiij tapers off wax at my beriall Also I beqweth to Sanct Fran..... w^t in y^e Grayfreis a taper off wax Also to the alter off Sanct Oswalde w^t in y^e exempt mon..... off Sanct Wurbur on other taper off wax Also apon y^e day off my buriall I will to be sayed trentall of masses Also I will my dett^e holly be payd off my holle gud^e wych payd the resid..... to be equally divydid betwex my wyffe and my chyl dren Also I will my wyffe and Wi^llm Frauncesse brother be my executors Syr John Smyth and Wi^llm Hoole m^ochand be my o^vseers for the p^rmisses to be fulfilled and accomplested In wittenes whe^r off this my last will and mynd Wi^llm Barbur and Alex Dicknes w^t other moe beyng p^rsent do faythfully and substancially make and cause to be made.

TESTAMENTUM THOME BRICHE.¹

IN Dei noie Amen In the 3e^r off o^wr Lord a mcccc & xx^{ti} the fyrst daye off August I Thomas Bryche wholle off mynde and syke in body make my testament on this maⁿ In p^rmis I bequeth my sowle to Almyghti God and to his blessyd mod^r Seynt Marie and my body to be buryed in the colledge church of Manchest^r and in the name off my mortuarye my best beyst hors or cowe I^lm I bequeth to owre ladys 3^ovice xij^d I^lm to the church werk^e ij^s iiij^d I^lm I will that ther be gyven to the mendyng off the lane on this syde the chapell off the frythe xij^d I^lm I will that my doght^r Alison have hir motheurs gyrdill I^lm I wille that the ij jack^e or coot^e shall goe the on to one howse and the othur to the othur howse I^lm it is my will y^t my wyff and Edm^d my sone have the howse that I dwell in And also as ffor the take that I holde off M^r Rauff

¹ No date of probate.

Þstwich yt is my wyll that my wyff and hur children have it unto the tyme that they cū to eage and then M^r Rauff to put it which chyld he thynke most able to do ðvice for it Iſm I orden and make myn executors my wyffe and my son John to segh that this my last wille be done as they shall answar byfoř God Iſm I make my ovseers M^r Rauff Þstwich and George Bryche gentilman Robart Brydocke John Smyth and S^r James Grene prest.

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI FAIRBANCKE.¹

IN the name off God Amen the tent day of June in the yeř of
 our Lord God mdxx I Sir Williā ffairbank chaplen beyng in
 good mynd make this my testament and last will in mañ and forme
 foloyng ffyrst I bequeth my saull to Almyghty God o^r lady Saynt
 Marye and all the sancte off heven and my body to be buryed in the
 chapell off Colne Also for my mortuarye my best gown Also I be-
 queth to the said chapell x^s for my said buriall Also wheř that I
 lent xx^d to Nicholas Michell off the Hall off Colñ I will that he giff
 and pay it to thuse of the said capell Also I bequeth to Sir Robt
 Blakey chaplen vj^s viij^d to p^ry for my saull wheř somev̄ that he will
 Also I bequethe to the said S^r Robt a gowñ clothe w^t lynyng y^o to
 ppared ligyng in the howse of Shaw late wyfe of Henry
 Shaw Also [I] bequeth to the sam viij^s iiij^d so that it
 be devidid among hir and hir children Also I orden and make
 Edmūd ffairbank my ffather and Alis my mother to be my executores
 to whom I giff all my goodē above not bequethed to dispose to the
 plesur off God and the welth off my saull. Theis wittnes Sir Robt
 Blakey aforsaid Ric Fawsett Witm Fawset and oth^o.

¹ No date of probate.

TESTAMENTUM HUGONIS STARKEY DE OLTON
ARMIGERI DEFUNCTI.¹

IN the name of God Amen The third day of July y^e yere of o^r Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth twenty and syx I Hugh Starky of Olton in the cowntie of Chester squier seke in body and hole in my..... dredyng God and deth make and ordayn this my p^rsent testament and last will ffyrst I beqweth and comēd my sowlle to Almyghtie God my Creator and Redem^r to his blessed mother Saint Mary the virgyn and to all the holy cōpany of heven and my body to be buryed in the church of Owver Also I beqweth vij marks sterlyng to a p^rest for to syng or say masse for my sowlle a holle ye... att Budworth church the same masses that Pope Innocent did syng for his mother wich be xij masses And when the said p^rest hath songon or said all the said xij masses o^r he shall begyn them agayn and so to continew from tyme of my decesse duryng a holle yer^o Also I beqweth to po^r folks xvij^s ix^d to be daltt att y^e said church of Budworth apon xv Frydays next ensuyng the tyme of my decesse that is to wytt ev^y Fryday xv^d Also I beqweth to y^e said church of Budworth a chales and a masse bok w^t a vestmentt and all oy^o clothes necessary for a p^rest to say masse in Also I beqweth to Jamys Starky my son a tenementt w^t all the ground y^o to belongyng now in the holdyng of Robert Olton duryng the terme of his naturall liffe Also I beqweth to Ellyn Starky my doght^r xx^{li} in money in full

¹ The testator was the son and heir of John Starkey of Oulton, by Agnes, sister of Sir John Needham of Shavington in the county of Shropshire Knt. He married Margaret, daughter of Philip Egerton of Egerton Esq. The estate acquired by the marriage of Peter, second son of Thomas Starkey of Stretton, with Johanna, daughter and coheirress of John de Olton, ante temp. Hen. VI., was alienated towards the close of the seventeenth century.

recompens of child is parte of all my goodes for it is my will that she make no farther clayme Also I beqweth to dame Cisly my doght⁹ xl^s Also I beqweth to Anne Legh ij kye and ij oxen and all my shep Also I beqweth to Saint Peter of Budworth a violett gowne furred and a velvett ludd Also I beqweth to John Hunt my best jakett and to Rondulph Kyrkehñ Randolph Hicson and John Vernon evy of them a jakett Also I beqweth to Richard Gratewod xl^s xx^s theroff to bestow on hym to lerne to wryte and redd w^t John Lech and y^e oy⁹ xx^s to arey hym and cloth hym to bryng hym up to his mother Also I beqweth to Robert Legh a stagg and xx^s in money Also I beqweth to John Lech a stagg and xx^s in money Also I beqweth to S^r John Eyton prest x^s Also I beqweth to John Kyrkehñ a bul-loke y^e p^rce x^s Also I beqweth to Saint Chadde of Owver my best h..... Also to Isabell Smyth a heffur calffe Also to Anne Walker a heffur calffe Also I beqweth [to] Budworth church v marks viij^s iiij^d now in the hands of Ric. Shaw George Pykeryng and Ric^d Scheppard like as it apperith by an obligacōn in the kepyng of Thoñs Hale of Budworth Also I beqweth to y^e white frer^e of Chester to say a trentall of masses for me x^s Also I beqweth toward^e byyng off bells to Budworth church v^{li} sterlyng Also I ordeyn and make myn executors Robert Legh S^r John Eyton chapleyn and John Kyrkhñ to se that yis my p^rsent will well and truly to be observyd fullfilled and executed In wittnes wheroff John Legh S^r John Smyth chapleyn Rondulph Kyrkhñ and others.

TESTAMENTUM MARGARETE RELICTE HUGONIS
STARKEY.¹

Probat⁹ ix die Augusti [1526.]

IN the name of God Amen The xj day of July the ye^r of o^r Lord
God I M⁹garate Starky late wiff of Hugh Starky of
Olton squier seke in body in mynd and of good remem-
brance remembryng y^e certeytie of deth and the uncerteynty of the
tyme y^eoff declare yis my last will ffirst I beqweth my sole to
Allmyghtie God and to o^r blessed lady and to all the saintte in hevyn
and my body to be buried in the pich church of Owver Secundarye
I will that y^e cost^e of my buryalles be maid of my holle goodes Also
I beqweth xx^s in pence to be delit to poore folk^e att the day of my
burying Also I beqweth to Budworth stepull xx^s and toward the
bying of the belles to y^e said stepull xx^s Also to Elisabeth my doghto^r
vj^s viij^d Also I giff toward y^e makyng of Budworth stepull and toward
the bying of y^e belles my best gowne Also I gyff to Alice Legh my
doghto^r my chamlett kyrtil and my wolsted kyrtil my best typett
my faldyng and my bok in the church Also I will that my best
bonett and my ij gyrdilles be sold by my son Hugh to dispose for my
solle Also I beqweth to Emme my doghto^r myñ other bonett and a
parttlett Also I beqweth to Anne my doghto^r my flowre Also I
beqweth to dame Cicilye my doughto^r my best bedis and a blak ribben
Also I beqweth to Anne Legh my newe gowne Also I beqweth to
M⁹gery my doghto^r my violett gowne Also I beqweth to Elizabeth
my doghto^r my pullion of wolsted my purse and my white bonett

¹ Margaret Starkey, according to Dr. Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 104, died before her husband; but from this will it appears that she survived him, though but for a short time. Of her numerous daughters, Elizabeth married Thomas Brooke of Leighton Esq., and Alice was the wife of Robert Legh of High Legh Esq.

Also I beqweth to M^ogrett my doghto^r my p..... of cloth of gold
 Also I beqweth to Ellyn my doghto^r a ptlett of velvett gar Also
 I beqweth to my son Hugh a towell of diapur Also I beqweth to
 Ja[mes] my son xiiij^s iiij^d Also I beqweth to y^e pdon of Boston iiij^s
 Also I beqweth to my cosyn Ellyno^r Sporstaw a lynyñ rayll and a
 bend of tawney sarsenett Also I beqweth to Anne Walker my blake
 kyrtyll Also I beqweth to Isabell Smyth my tawney gowne Also I
 beqweth to Anne Sclaver myn old kyrtyll And if ther be any goodes
 unbeqwethed ov^o yis my said bequest I will that my said son Hugh
 Starky have yem to dispose for y^e helth of my so.... And I ordeyn
 and make my sole executo^r my said son Hugh Starky to se that yis
 my p^{re}snt testament and last will well and truly to be fulfilled and
 executed thes beyng wittnes Robert Legh Jamys Starky John Le...
 Henry Yong and others.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS BOETHE.¹

Non pbatū quia executo^r renūciarūt.

IN the name off God Amen The ffyrst day of June in the ye^r of
 o^r Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth and xxvj: I John
 Bothe of Barton opon Irwell in the coūnty^e of Lan^{ch}esquer holle of
 mynd remēbratce and body make my testament and last wyll
 conc^{er}nyng my moveable goodis in maner and fforme folo^yng ffyrst I

¹ John Booth was the son, by Ellen, daughter of Sir Nicholas Byron of Clayton, of Sir John Booth of Barton, who was killed at the battle of Flodden. He married first Cicely, daughter of Sir John Warren, by whom he had one daughter, Alice; and secondly Dorothy, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey, by whom he left John Booth his heir, and Dorothy, afterwards wife of James Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. In his pedigree of this family, Baines states that the testator married Anne, daughter of Richard Ashton of Middleton. She was married at Middleton November 22, 1547, to John Booth his grandson.

beqweth my saule to Almyghte God my Redemer to o^r lady Saynt Marye and to all the holly company of heyven and my body to be buried in the parrishe church off Eccles within Saint Katernyn chapell ther Also I bequeth ffor my mortuarye my best qwyk beast accordyng to the cowstome of holy church Also I bequeth to the edifica^{co}n and makyng up of the said church v^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d Also I will that there shalbe an honest preist and discrete founde to say masse and other divyne service and pray for my saule att Eccles by the space of vij 3ers next after my decesse And the said preist to have yerely ffor his stipēd iiij^{li} and the sam iiij^{li} to be taken of my moveable goods and cattells and as he^raft^r ys specified Also I will that Dorothe my wyff shall have all such takks leysses and g^unts as I now have by the gr^unt of the abbott of Qhalley and all advantage and pfetts comyng or groyng of the same toward the fyndyng of the said prest and of his stipend And that the same Dorothe shall have all my right therin duryng all her liff and be my asseigne therof duryng her said life. Also I will that the said Dorothe shall have the ward and mariage of all my doght^rs or eny other that shall happen to be my heyer and the custodye off theym and the profetts of all such man^rs lanndis teⁿts rents rev^usions and hereditaments duryng their nonage what so evⁿ the be which to them or eny of them shalbe belongyng or appteynyng aft^r my decesse by the law or right off enheritance if they be proved to enherite eny of my said man^rs lannds teⁿts rev^usions or hereditaments and if it be proved that by the law they can not enherite my said man^rs meⁿs: lannds and teⁿts I will that they shall have such lannds and teⁿts as herebesids ben geven to feoffes to theyre use to and for their mariage money as by a feoffament therof made and a will therupon declared more playnly doth appere Also I will that immediatly aft^r my decesse my executors shall content and pay w^t my moveable goods all my detts which I shalbe indetted at the tyme of my decesse Also I make and orden to be my executors of this my p^rsent testament my welbeloved wyf

Dorothe and also my cosyns Ric^d Assheton and Thurstan Tyldisley esquiers and S^r James Bruch clerk vicar of Bethom And I bequeth to evy of my said executors for ther busynes herin to be taken xx^s and the residue of all my goods and catellis aft^r my funerall expensis hade and made and aft^r my legacies pformed I geve and bequeth to my said wyff Dorothe that she shall dispose the same for the helth of my sawle In wittnes wherof I the said John Bothe to this my p^sent testament and last will have setto my seall Wreten the day and yere above said These beyng of record Maist^r W^hm Radcliff son and heyre apparent of S^r Alex^d Radcliff knyght Th^hms Massye and Th^hms Valentyn gentilmen Sir Tho^hms Bowker S^r Thurstan Cocker p^sts with others.¹

THE WILL OF DR. THOMAS SPARKE.

Probat^d i^hm viij die Octobris [1527].

IN Dei noⁱe Amen xxx^o die mensis Augusti Anno Dⁿⁱ mⁱlmo cccc^{mo} vicesimo septimo I Thomas Sparke Doct^r off Canon [law] hoall off mynde and seeke in bodye do make my will and testam^{nt} in man^r and [form] folowyng In primis I giff and beqweth my soule to Almyghty God and to his blessed mother o^r lady Saint Marie and all the celestiall company of heyven and my bodye to be bured w^hin the white freris of Chest^r in tha^r chansell affore the revesture durr by my cosyn Roger Smyth and thei to have for my laystall xiiij^s iiij^d I^hm my mortu^{arye} to the p^{son} off Sainct Peters aft^r the forme use and custom of the law I^hm I will that evy preest that comyth to my dirige and masse to pray for my sawle have iiij^d and the po^r people to have bredd Also I will that the lights of wax that shalbe at my ffunerall be made as myn executors and overseer shall thynke moost

¹ The inventory is dated...January 1526 [1526-7.]

accordyng w^t owte greate pompe or pryed Iſm I beqweth to maister
 official my ryng w^t the saffur my hatt and my rydyng hodd Iſm I
 beqweth to Agnes Cradokke and hyr howseband vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d Iſm to
 hyr son Justinean xx^{li} to make hym a stokke w^t and the forsaid
 Justinean be bownd prentise at s^m occupacōn for the t^{me} and
 space of x ye^r Also I will that his maist^r puttyng in suertise to myn
 executors and assignes have and occupie the forsaid xx^{li} withowt
 any increasse payng to the forsaid Justinean or any other bott onely
 to pay and deliv^r the forsaid xx^{li} to the forsaid Justinean when his
 prētiship of x yere is comyn upp exspired and past and if it so fortune
 that the forsaid Justinean dye and departe within the yeris off his
 prentship or sone aft^r or he occupye the forsaid xx^{li} for hym selfe
 that then the forsaid xx^{li} be delyvered to myn executors and for
 fawte and lake of them to Edmūde Democke drap and my cosyn
 Wiſtm Flecher baker wich I orden and make myn assignes and thei
 to dispose it for my soule Iſm I beqweth to my servand Williā
 Hamant vj angeletts of gold my chamlet jacket my chamlet dowblet
 and a payre of blacke howse Iſm to my servand Ales Hawarden xx^s
 Iſm to hir iij susters to ichon off them vj^s viij^d Iſm to my cosyn
 Elsabeth Smyth doght^r unto yonge Th^ms iij angeletts off gold on to
 hir wedding and the other to hir p^pur use Iſm to Jane Smyth wyff
 to my cosyn yong Thomas Smyth my bowndon facer and my gilde
 sponer Iſm to S^r Hen^r Bull^yg^d my sateyn typpett furred with blake
 coney on of my best cappis a payer of blacke howse unpoyned a
 fustion petecote furred with cattis Iſm to S^r Williā Granger my
 seconde sarsnet typpett a blacke cappe and a payre of blacke howse
 Iſm to my bedewomā xxij^s vj^d Iſm to the p^{son} of Sanct Michaells
 my garnech sarsnet typpett Iſm to Elyn Flecher that dwellith w^t my
 cosyn yong Thomas Smyth vj^s viij^d Iſm to the iij orders off freris x^s
 that is to ev^y howse iij^s iiij^d to the repa^{cō}n of there howses Iſm to
 Ales Smyth doght^r to my cosyn yonge Thomas Smyth vj^s viij^d
 Iſm to litill Jane Golbron vj^s viij^d Iſm to lityll Robt Smyth son

unto Peris Smyth vj^s viij^d Ifm I will my signet be solde and disposed upon Frodsam brygge Ifm I will the maisters of Boston have vj^s viij^d for that I am behynde with them for my lett^r and then all the rest off the forsaid vj^s viij^d be to the repa^{co}n of o^r ladys chapell of Bestō [sic] Ifm I will that all my goodis moveable and unmoveable unbequest be solde and that money and all other money that is laft o^v my funerall be att the disposicōn of myn executors to wage a prest y^t is sadde virtuose and gud of levyng and off goud name and fame to pray for my soule my faders mother and such as shalbe named and all cristyn soules and the said p^{re}st to syng masse wthin the white frers att the hyght alter and he to have my missall to say masse upon as long as he doith syng for me and then the forsaid boke to remayne to the place Ifm I will that where ther be any fowle wayes nyght the citie whe^r y^t both man and best standith in jopardy and pell of peshyng in comyng to the marketh for the comyn welthe y^t then I will such be holpon with pte of the forsaid money y^t is lafte as myn executors shall thynke best Also I do orden and make myn executors Raffe Rog^gson Hugh Aldersey and S^r Henry Bullyng^g p^{re}st I will that Raff Rog^gson have my velvet dowlet for his labur and Hugh Aldersey my scarlet jacket gardett wth velvet for his labur Also I make my cosyn Thomas Smyth the elder myn o^vseer of this my testamēt and he to have my holpe of gold to see my will fulfilled Geven the day and yere above rehersed.

THE WILL OF RICHARD STARKEY OF STRETTON
ESQUIRE.¹

Probat^d in ec: coll. S^ci Jo. Cest^r xv^o die Januarii [1527-8].

IN the name off God Amen the xxixth day off May the ye^r off o^r Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth xxvjth and the yere off the reign off Kyng Henry the viijth the xvijth I Richard Starkey off Stretton in the countie off Chester squire off the dio^c off Lichefeld and Coventre beyng off hole mynde and memory thanked be Almyghty God and syke in my body ordeyn and make my testament and last will in manⁿ and forme as hereaft^r ensueth ffurst I bequeth my sowle to Almyghty God my Maker and Redem^p to the blessed virgyn and mod^r o^r lady Saynt Mary and to the glorious co^rte off heyvyn my body to be buried in the channcell off the pisshe church off Budworth whe^r my grⁿnte fad^r and my ffad^r be buried I^m I bequeth my best beyst to be my mortuarye I^m I bequeth towards the makyng off the roode seler at Budworth vj^s viij^d I^m to the yle off the said church vj^s viij^d I^m I bequeth to bye leyde w^t ffor the said yle vj^s viij^d I^m I will that myn executors shall ordeyn and make xiiijth taps or surges off wax to bren upon the herse o^v my body duryng the tyme off the ffuneralls Also I will that myn executor^s shall ordeyn and make viij torches to bren abowte myn herse duryng the dyрге and ffunalls and aft^r the said funeralls doon I bequeth iiij of the said torches to the pisshe church off Budworth and the other iiij to the chapell of Stretton And I will that the vicare of the said church of Budworth be agreyed w^t for tha^y Also I will that viij pore men that shall berre the said torches have ev^y oon off theym a

¹ Richard Starkey was the son of Geoffrey Starkey of the Lower Hall in Stretton, by Joan, eldest daughter and coheir of Roger Derby of Chester, and married a daughter of Byrom of Byrom in the county of Lancaster.

white gowne and iiij^d in money for thair labour Also I will that thesse men heraftⁿ named be the said viij men yff they be then on lyve orrells to take other in the styde of theym that be deyed by the discreesson off myn executo^r that ys to say John Howpe John Aspyngshagh Hugh Caldewall Rauff Hall Rich Morres Roger Myllyngton Geffrey Millyngton off Nether Whitley and Randyll Starky Also I bequeth towards the maynteynyng of devyne service off the chapell or orrotorye of Saynt Savyo^r off Stretton a chalice gylt w^t these words graven in the upper pte of the said chalice on the owte syde Ex dono Riçi Starky Iſm to the use off the said chapell a boke of the liſſ of Saynt Thomas of Cant^ubury Iſm I gyff to the use of the said chapell a sylvⁿ pece pcell gylt they to p^y for my sowle my ffader sowle my broð Thomas Byrom sowle and all christen sowles Also I gyff and bequeth towards the repa^cõns and makyn of a newe steple att the said chapell of Stretton xl^s and towards a gretter bell to ryng in it other xl^s And wher by my dede I have enfeoffed Laurence Starky and other in cten messes landes and teñts w^t in the counties of Chest^r and Lanchast^r for the pformance of my last will as in the sam dede it may appere mo^r at large it ys the last will of me the said Richard Starky the elder nevⁿ by me to be changed that my said feoffes shall contynue and be feoffies off the pmysses to the onely use of me for tme of my liſſ and aft^r my deceasse I will that my said feoffyes of the issues and pfetts of my said lands soo put in feoffament shall delýver unto myn executors as it shall yerely come and growe of the same lands the some of twenty pownds the which executors I will that they w^t the advise of the supvisor of this my testamēt and last will immediatly aft^r my deceasse shall fynd an able pst of good con^sacõn to syng for my sowle my wyffs sawles my breder sowles and all cristen sowles in the chapell of Stretton by the space of fyve yeres yf he may be suffered to syng at the said chapell orrells at the pisse church of Budworth duryng the said ffyve yers gyffying to the said pst ffor his stypend or waiges evy yere iiij^d and wher my said

feoffes at my request and desire have by their w^{ty}ng indented gyffen and grannted unto my sonnes Richard and Peyrs for t^{me} of their lyffs c^{ten} lands and tēnts to the yerely value off iiij^{li} or thereabowts of my said lands soo put in feoffament as by the said deds indented it may apper^r mo^r at large it ys also my will that if the said Richard Starky or Perys or auther of theym be stopped hyndreth or lett to receyve the issues and pfetts off the said lands soo gyffen to theym by my sone Thomas or by any other pson or psons that then my said feoffies shall make a su^r and sufficient gr^{nt} of annuities or annuall rents owt of my said lands and tēnts soo put in feoffament to the clere yerely value of iiij^{li} o^v all charges and rep^rses that is to say to my son Richard for t^{me} of his lif xl^s and to my son Pyers for t^{me} of his lif xl^s w^t clauses of distresse to be conteyned in the seid gr^{nts} nownepayment at deyes and t^{mes} usuell Also I will that my son Thomas have all heyr lomes that of right aft^r the custome and usage of the shyre of Chesh^r belongeth to hym to have Also I gyff and bequeth to my cosyn Jane Sonky e^vy yere duryng the space of iij yeres next aft^r my deceasse yf she be then on lyf xij^s iiij^d I^{fm} I giff to Issabell Starky towards her maryage orrells towards her fyndyng yf she be ordered and gydet by my son Thomas and my cousyn Ric^d Merbury iiij^{li} I^{fm} to my god childer Richard Pyckeryng and Richard Hatton either of theym viij^d I^{fm} to George Newton xij^d I^{fm} I gyf and bequeth to thuse and repa^{co}ns off the chapell and steple of Streton viij^{li} The residue of all my goods and catells not bequethed o^v and byside my detts paid my fuⁿhall doon and my legacyes pformed I gyf to my sonnes Sir Henry Sir Symon Geffrey Richard and Pyers whom I orden make and constitute to be myn executor^s of this my testamēt and last will trustyng in theym that they shall see it truly pformed executed and doon w^t the advise and counsell of my broder Pyers Starky whome I also orden assigne and tenderly desire to be supvisor of my said will Also I will and charge all my seid sonnes and childer that yf any contrav^sie or dowte fortune

to be amonges theym for any article or clause contened in this my last will that they shalbe theryn ordreth and advised by my seid broder and the seid dowte to be expowndet and int^optat by my seid broder upon payne of hym that refuseth to lose my blessing These beyng witnesse Richard Merbury gentilman Sir Pyers Lacheford Sir Rogur Potte ²sts Issabell Starky and other.

TESTAMENTUM LAURENTII DUTTON DE DUTTON
ARMIGERI.¹

Probat² in ecc²ia coff S²t Johis Cest² xx die Januarii [1527-8].

TO all men to whom thys present wrytyng indented and last will off me Laurence Dutton of Dutton in the countie off Chest² esquier shall come here or see I the said Laurence send gretinge in o^r Lord God everlastyng and knowe ye me the said Laurence beyng in good and perfyte remembrannce intending at the tyme of my dethe when it shall please o^r Lord God that I shall dye and depart out off this myserable and transytory world to channge my lyff lyke as a true christen man ought to do Wherfore I the said Laurence the iiijth day off October the ye^r off our Lord God m^dxxxvij and in the yere off the reigne of our sou^vain lord Kyng Henry the viijth the xix do make and declare my last will and testament as well o^ccnynge all my goods catells and fermes as all my man^{er}es lands teⁿts and heredytaments w^t other my possessones in forme followinge ffyrst I bequethe my soule to Almyghty God

¹ The testator was son and heir of Roger Dutton of Dutton Esq., and married Joan, daughter of Robert Duckenfield of Duckenfield Esq. This ancient family continued here in the male line from the time of the Conquest until the death of Thomas Dutton in 1614, whose only daughter Elleanor married Gilbert Lord Gerard of Gerard's Bromley in Staffordshire.

besecheinge humbly our blessed lady and all the holy compeny of hevyn to be mediators for me to the holy trenyte to accepte the same to the eternall blysse of hevyn And I will that my body shalbe buryed and enterred amongs other my anncestoures in the chapell of our blessed lady wthin the monastery of Norton Also I will that evy preist that shalbe at my buryeng to praye for my soul have xij^d evy clerke iiij^d and evy pore man and woman j^d and all other thyngs necessary and cōvenyent for the same I put to the ordryng will and discrecōn of suche person or psones as I shall name to be myn executor or executors and put in trust at the tyme of my dethe or seche other persone as shalbe present and ordur for me att my departur Also I bequethe to maister vicare off Budworth my curate my best beast for my mortuary and xx^s in money over his other duties to pray for my soule beseching hym of forgevynes for suche thyngs as I have not done my dutie to God holy church and hym Also I bequethe toward the reparaçōn of the perishe church of Budworth and toward the beyng of ornaments therunto fyve marks And to the mother church off Coventrye and Lychefeld xx^s Also I bequethe to my dought^r Isabell towards hyr mariage v hundreth marks if she be not maryed in my lyff and the same to be levyed and perceyved as hereafter shall appere And if she be maryed and part of the money not payd the rest beinge then due to be payd of the profetts of my lands in forme as hereaft^r shall appere in my said will And in like man^r I bequethe to my doughter Dowce v hundreth marks towards her mariage if she be not married in my lyff to be levyed and perceyved as hereaft^r shall appere And if she be married and part of the said fyve hundreth marks unpaid that the rest and residue shalbe payd in forme as is above exp^{re}ssed for my doughter Issabell And my will is that if my said doughteres or on of theym be not maryed in my lif that they or she that is unmarried after my decesse shalbe ordred in their or hir mariage by the advyse of my said executour or executoures and feffes or the more part of theym Also I will that all my

detts w^tout delay be fully contented and payd and if I have offended or wronged any person or persones that they shalbe fully recompensed and agreed by myn executour or executours Also I bequeth to Sir Edmond Asheton preist to sing for my soule and my wyffe soules and our anncestoures soules and especiall the soules for whom I am most bounden to praye evy yere by the space of xx^{ty} yeres the some of sevyen marks And if the said Edmond dye duryng the said xx^{ty} yeres that then a nother honest p^rst be provyded by myn executour or executours to syng and pray for my soule and the soules aboverehersted the residue of the said xx^{ty} yeres having yerely the said seven marks for his selary and the same to be taken of the rents issues and pfettes of my lands and tenemēts in Moldesworth Also I will that all my howsold servⁿts as well men as women be fully contentyd and satisfied of there wages and evy of theym after my decesse to have a quarter wages above theire dutie to pray for my soule Also I bequethe to evy on of my bastard chyldern as well sones as doughtours iiij kye or iiij heffers Also I bequethe unto the repera^cō of Acton brydge and high way th^ounto adjoyⁿg twynty pounds if I repe^r it not myself in my lyff Also I bequethe unto Margaret Bothe fourty pounce in money of my goods to be delyvered unto hur immediatly after my decesse toward the fynding of hir and hir children and to pray for my soule and all christen soules And for the orderyng and disposicō of all my landis and heredytaments I the said Laurence decla^r my will in manⁿ and forme as folowith ffurst I will John Dutton my bastard sone shall have to hym his heyers and assignes all and evy such lands and tenements w^t their apptennts that hath ben purchased by me the seid Laurence or by eny other to my use wⁱn the countie of Chest^r or ells where and that my feoffes theroff shall stand and be seised after my decesse to the use of the said John and to his heyers or to his assignes Also I will that the seid John have for the terme of his liff all my lands in Annston which be of the yerely value of fyve pounce above charges

and the mosse fylds nowe being in the sevall holldings of the seid John Dutton Hugh Jannyn John Jannyn Agnes the wyff of Raynald Taylior payng yerely for the said mossefelds for all suts and servyces vj^s viij^d to me the seid Laurence and to the heres males of my bodie lawfully be geton and for fault of such issue payng yerely duryng the seid tyme to Sir Perys Dutton knyght and to the heyers males of his bodye lawfull begoton vj^s viij^d And I will that my feoffes therof shall stand seased after my dethe to the use of the said John during his liff and in likewise I will that my feoffes of all my landis in Northwiche which be of the yere [*sic*] value of xij^{li} shall stand seased of percell therof of the yerly value of viij^{li} to the use of Thomas Dutton and Robert Dutton my bastard sonnes for terme of their severall lyves and shall suffre theym equally to receyve and take the profetts therof afre the dethe of me the said Laurence duryng their said lyves that is to wit either of theym iiij^{li} and of landis of the yerely value off iiij^{li} residue of the said sune of xij^{li} I will that my said feoffes shall stand seased to the use of the said John Dutton Thomas Dutton and Robert Dutton ffor terme of their sevall lyves that is to wete evy of theym severally xxvj^s viij^d And I will that the said John shall have the noiacon and mak yng of ten^{nts} of the saidis landis of the yerely value of iiij^{li} duryng his lif payng yerely for the same to the seid Thm^s and Robert liij^s iiij^d at the termes usuell by evyn porcons duryng their saide lyves And where I have bequethed to eyther of my said doughtors Isabell and Dowce fyve hundreth m^rks towards their mariages I will and it is my full mynd that my saide feoffes shall suffre the said Sir Peris Dutton who for default off issue male of my body lawfully begoten is my next ryght heyer male as appereth by my old evydences yerely to content and paye after my decesse unto the said Issabell and Dowce at the festes off the Nativitie of Saynt John Baptist and Saynt Martyn in wynt^r or within xl dayes aft^r either of the said feists next ensuyng on hundreth marke of lawfull money unto such tyme as either of the saidis Isabell and Dowce

or their assignes be fully content and payd v hundreth marks towards their mariage if they so longe doe lif Also I will that my seids feoffes shall suffre the same Sir Perys aft^r my decesse to content and paye unto Katerine¹ and Anne my bastard doughters lxxx^{li} off lawfull money that ys to wit either of them xl ponde to their mariage to be payed as folowith that is to wit yerely unto the said Kat^ryn iiij^{li} at the said feists or wⁱⁿ xl dayes then next folowyng and to the said Anne iiij^{li} unto suche tyme either of theym have receyved by the hands of the said Sir Perys his heyers or assignes xl ponde ffor their mariage if they so longe doe lif Provyded that my said basterd doughtours and either of theym shalbe ordred by my executo^r or executours and feoffes or by the more parte off theym And if the said Sir Perys Dutton his heyers or assignes do not yerely well and truly content and paye as well unto Isabell and Dowce my mulier doughtours the said said [*sic*] some of on hundreth marks as to the seid Kateryn and Anne my bastard doughtours suche sumes of money as before I willyd to thaym ffor their mariage then I will that as well the said Sir Perys Dutton as all other my feoffes shall permyt and suffre the seids Isabell and Dowce and their assignes yerely to perceyve and take on hundreth marks sterlyng of all and evy the issues rents pfetts and advanntages of all my lands and tenemets in Wyston Nesse Stone Downam Happesford Stawke Pycton Arrowe and Legh in the countie of Chester yerely unto such tyme as either of theym or their assignes have receyved fyve hundreth marks toward their mariage as ys above said And shall also suffre and permyt the seid Kateryn and hir assignes yerely to receyve and take all the issues rents and profetts aft^r my decesse off all my landes in Acton in the said countie of Chester except my purchased lands which I have gyffen to my said son John unto such tyme as the said Kateryn or hir assignes have receyved the said some of xl ponde And inlikwyse the said Anne

¹ Katherine married John, a younger son of Ralph Done of Flaxyards in the county of Chester Ea., and had issue Ralph, ob. s.p., and Richard Done of Chester.

my bastarde doughtor or hir assignes to receyve all the issues rents and profetts of all my landys in Berterton aft^r my decease except my said purchaste lands which I have gevyn unto my said sonne John unto such tyme the said Anne or hir assigne have receyvt xl poundes ffor their mariage upon such condissōn as is above rehersed Also I will that my feoffes off tow tenementis with their appurten^{nce} in Dutton which be of the yerely value of xlix^s viij^d and now in the holdyng of the forsaid Margett Boith immediatly aft^r my decease shall stand and be seased therof to the use of the said Margett for terme of hir lif And I will that the said Thomas Dutton my bastard sonne shall have for terme of his lif a mease and landis called the m^{che} which late was in the holdyng of Laurence Dutton paying therfore yerly to me the said Laurence and to the heires males of my body lawfully begoten and for default off such issue to the said Sir Peris Dutton and the heyers males of his body lawfully begoten the rents therof due and accustomed And further I will that all my feoffes and their heyers aftur my decease shall stand and be seased off my maner off Dutton with the appurten^{nces} to the use of me and off my heyers males of my body lawfully begoten and for default of such issue to the use of the said Sir Perys Dutton and the heyers males of his body lawfully begoten And off all the residue of my said maners lands and tenementis except my purchaste lands aft^r this my p^{esent} will pformed to the use of the heyers males of my body begoten and for default of such issue to the use of the said Sir Perys and off his heyers males of his body lawfully begoten Also I will that all such lands and tenements as myn uncle Arnalde Dutton purchaste of on Mosse in Bedfordchyr which lands and tenements be of the yerely value of x^s remayne and come immediatly aftur my decease to the said Mosse and his heyers and that he shall have delyvt unto h^y all evydences and wrytyngs onely concernyng the same Also I will that if Sir Peris Dutton his heyers or eny other that shall fortune to be myn heyers male do distowurbe and lett my seid

doughtours feoffes or executor or executours or eny of theym or eny other pson or psons befor named to receyve and take the revenuez issues and profetts of the forsaid maners lands and tenements or off eny pte of theym accordyng to this my p^sent last will or vex inquiet or trowble theym or eny of theym by sute or other wyse for the same that then I will that my said feoffes and myn executour or executours shall alyene and sell my man^r of Nesse all my meses lands and tenemēts in Nesse and Stawke afor said to whom they shall thynke moost convenyent to have to hym or theym and their heyers in fegh and w^t the money therof receyved and taken by my said executour or executours they shall defende the said Sir Perys Dutton or eny other person or psons that soo shall lett distourbe vex inquiet or trowble the p^rformanⁿce of my said will And also see my will fully performed and the surplushach of the said money to dispose for my soule and the soules of myn anncestres and all christen soules Also I orden and make the said John Dutton my bastard sonne my true and faithfull executour moost hertly prayng and beseecheyng hym and also all my feoffes and frendes and evy of thaym to helpe and putto their good myndes to execute p^rforme and fulfyll this my p^sent will and testament chaurgeynge my said executour soo to do as he will answare before Almyghty God at the ferefull day of jugement Also I ordeyn and make Sir John Port knyght on of the Justices of the Kyngs Benche overseer of this my present will humbly beseeching hym for the grete love he haith born unto me in my liff that it will pleas hym to see this my present will in all thyngs performed and to help my said executour ffor the accomplishment of the same And I will that the said Maister Port shalbe rewarded and recompensed for his payn which he shall take in the same by my said executour accordyngly In witness wherof I the said Laurence to this my present will indented have putto my seale these beyng witnesses Sir Wiffm Hardwa^r vicar of Budworth Perys Wynnyngton Richard Leftwich John Wynnyngton of the Harmytage the yonger John Dutton off

Hellysby John Grymyseyche Laurence Hatton Sir Witm Browne
pist and others Yeven the day and yeŕ above said.

Concordat cū pbato

R. Wydhope.

TESTAMENTUM HAMNETTI HARINGTON
DEFUNCTI.¹

Probat⁹ penultio die Januarii [1527-8].

IN Dei noŕm Amen Primo die May anno Dñi mccccxxvij I
Hamnet Haryngton esquier holl of mynd and of gud memorie
although deseased in my body make my last will and testmēt in this
man^ŕ ffyrst I be qwheathe my sall to Almyghty God and our blessed
lady and to all his saints and my body to be buried in the poeh
church of Saynet Myghell of Huyton w^{tin} the towmbē in my chapell
and my best beast to the pson of the said church in the name of my
mortua^ŕ Also I will that whea^ŕ I have infefid Sir Richard Bold
knyght John Eccleston esquier Thomas Penketh and Rauff Bury
gentilmen in sertan lands called Pker's filds in Knowsley and also of
the halfe of on mese and of all oth^r bigings w^t thea^ŕ app^rtenās and
the half of all lands and tenementis ptinyng to the same late in the
holdyng of Th^ŕis Deane in Huyton wich I lately p^ŕcheased of the said
Thomas late of the aneritaunce of Esabell doughtour of John Stay-
nall that they shall stand feoffes seased of the p^ŕmisses to the use of
me for tme of my lif remeyn^ŕ ov^ŕ to Thomas Haryngton my son for
tme of his lif and if it fortune the said Thomas to decease afo^ŕ

¹ Hamnet Harrington, descended from Nicholas Harrington (the first of Huyton Hey), a younger brother of Sir William Harrington of Hornby Castle Knt., married Margaret, daughter of Ralph Eccleston Esq.; marriage covenant dated 12th August 3 Henry VII. He was succeeded in the estate by Percival, son of his brother, Richard Harrington deceased.

Jamys Haryngton my cosyn and I vnt then I will that the said Jamys shal have all and senguler the pmisses for tme of his lif and aft^r thair desease and the long^e ly^v of thaym all and evy of the said meses landis tenements rents w^t tha^r app^tenās shall remeyn to Percyvall Haryngton my cosyn and heyr and to the heyers male of his body lawfully to be gotten And for defawte of such issue the said feoffes to stand seased to the use of the right heyers of me the said Hamnet for ev^y Also I will that xij^d of cheiff rent going owt of the tenamēt late in the holdyng of the forsaid Thomas Deane be to the use of the said Percyvall and his heyers Also I will that my wif have hyr dower and feoffamēt made to hir of all my lands accordyng to the lawe Also I will that my cosyn Nicolas Tyldesley shall have to hym and his heyers for ev^y all such lands and tenemēts which I lately pcheased of the said Nič in Huyton and Wolfall and also all those lands and tenements w^t fre rent of xiiij^d by yere of the same wich lately we^r sold to Wiffm Harison by Richard Tyldesley father of the said Nič whose state an right I have in the same so that the said Nič do and cause to be done the feoffes of the said Nič to seall by indent^e an annuall rent of xx^s by ye^r going owte of the said lands and tenements of the foresaid Nicolas unto tyme the holl s^me of xvij marks xj^s iiij^d be renēn up to Thomas Penketh or his assignes aft^r the desease of me the said Hamnet to the use of Thomas Haryngton my sone be fully content and paid Provided alwayes that if it fortyn the said Thomas to decease afore the gods be renyn up then I will that Jamys Haryngton shal have the residue of all such rents as shall fortyn to be behynd Also I will that my cosyn and heyr Percyvall Haryngton shall suffer all such purchasyd lands to stand and be accordyng to my will Also I will that Hamnet Stokley and his wyf shalhave such landis and tenements as I have set theym by indentu^r for terme of lif accordyng to the same Also I will that Robert Gernett wif shall have a tenemēt acordyng to such gifts as I have made hir during hir lif Also I will that iij kye being now in

myn awne handis be delyv^d to ou^r ladis stock of Huyton And also I will y^t myn executors do make a glasse wyndow in the northe syde of the church Also I wyll that xx^{te} marks be bestawed and dist^rbute at my buryall and also I will y^t xxx^{te} masses be songen and said for a trentall if there be pⁱsts sufficient at my said buryall Also I will that the said Percyvall my cosyn and heyr have all my harnes y^t is [to] say jakks saletts and oth^r hernes belongyng to the same and the half of my bowes and all sheff aroys the half of my m^oke aroys the oth^r half I gyf to Jamys Haryngton and the gwyvⁱ which my bowes and aroys byn in to stand and be an ayrlone And also I will that the said Percyvall shalhave the long bord in the perlur with trists and formes pteyng to the same and also the grate bed in the plur a feth^r bede and a mates and oth^r anowrnamets w^t the covyng w^t the armys upon ptenyng to the same bed and the cofur w^t the cleket lok in the chamb^r o^v the botry Also I will y^t the said Percyvall have all my bed cases of tre^r except ij for my wyf and hir maydins Also I will that he have ij cofurs in my closed wich myn evidens byn in and they to stand styll and the closet dur not to be opened till the said Percyvall come home Also I will that the greate formes the greate brendreth the great spytt a bull and a bore to be ayrelomes to the said Percyvall so that he do not stope ne lett this my will to be full filled And also I will y^t the said Thomas my son shall have the half of y^e tement now in the holdyng of Hamnet Hey duryng the lif of Ri^c Kell and also all such tme of yeris which I have of the demyes of Elisabeth Birbonis then being wedo and of Ni^c Tildisley for landis in Huyton as apereth by indenturys made therof Also I will that the said Thomas my son shalhave x^{li} to be takyn of my gods and catallis yerely and pticularly as he shall nede it towards his keping to the scoll yf he have fortyn of lif Also I will y^t the said Jamys Haryngton my s^rv^{nt} shalhave all my o^rnaments and cloase for my body except my blak gowne which I gif my wyf my chamlet gowne to my cosyn Percyvall my Kyndall jakkets to John Rot^rford

Also I gif to the said Jamys the don geldyng which he is wont to ryde on Also I will y^t Elsabeth Haryngton shalhave a heffur in calf and ij bolokks of the best sort undrawen and the othur ij bolokks I gif to Jamys Haryngton and the bed that he lyis in Also I gif to Hamnet Stokley my godson my bett^r don fely Also I gif to Cicilie Toxstath on hefur styrke Also I gif to Sir Thomas Molinuex my pst xx^s to say ij trentalls for me incōtinēt aft^r my decease Also I will yat wea^r my broth^r Rič Haryngton clayme to have had sith the death of ou^r father Nič Haryngton by ye^r xl^s wherof the said Rič hase biñ truly payd by ye^r xxx^s and the residue we were agrett y^t as long as ou^r mothur in lawe Katin Haryngton lyved to have no mo^r but the said xxx^s and at aft^r hir decease then to have xl^s by ye^r duryng my said brothur Rič lif Also I will that Sir Hen^r Gorsuch shalhave xl^s for such s^{ves} as he hase done and to pray for me if my goods will extend therto And also I will y^t if my goodes wyll extend to hit evy on of my s^{vs}nts dwellyng w^t me the tyme of my death shalhave half a qwa^t wayges forth^r then they have s^{ved} to pray for my saull Also I will y^t when all this my will is fully p^{formed} in evy pownt and articull yat than the residue of my goods and cattalls to be dist^{bute} and bestawed for my saulhelth at the dist^{con} of my ex^{ecutors} And I orden and make myn ex^{ecutors} John Eccleston esquier George Lath^m and Rauff Burye gentylmen to orden and dispose for my saulhelth as thay shall answa^r afore God And also I will that ichon of theym shalhave x^s apese to be taken of my goods for thei^r labur And all costs necessarie ov^{er} and besids to be borne of my goods and cattalls Also I will y^t Laurens Crosse John Justice Rob^{rt} Elle and Henry Ley and Jamys Halsall have ichon a white gowne to be^r ocheon a torche the day of my buryall The ov^{er}seer of this my last will and testmēt I make Sir Wiffm Leyland knyght Sealed in the p^{sens} of Sir Henry Gorsuch pst George Eccleston Jamys Haryngton Wiffm Wodfall gentilmē Hamnet Stokley and oth^{er} the day and yere abovesaid.

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI WALTON.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The vijth day of the moneth of Januarye the yere of our Lord a thousand v hundreth and xxvijth I Wiſſm Walton p̄ste seke in body and hoole in mynde make my testament and last will in this mañ folowyng ffirst I bequethe my soule to Almyghte God our blessed lady his moder and to all sanctes and my body, to be buryed in the churche off Croston und⁹ the rode celler afore the chauncell Also I bequethe my best beyste to the vicar of the said churche for my mortuarye and in the name of my princepall Also I gyve and bequethe to an able p̄ist xij marks to synge masse and to pray for my soule and the soules of all myn ancestours and for all chrystyn soules in the said church by the space of ij yeres next after my decesse Also I gyve and bequethe to the chapell of Longeton a masse boke a chalyce and all other ornaments belongyng and ptenyng to the celebrōn of masse Also I geve in my life and bequethe in this my last will to Robert ffaryngton sone of Bič ffarington y^e channtre which I of late have purchased founded and putt in feoffamēt to certen feoffes as doith appere w^t a declaracōn of my will mynde and testamēt quadripartite therunto annexed for the contynuançe p̄servacōn and fulfillyng of the same which feoffament and declaracōn of my said will and testamēt is dated the xxth day of May the ixth yere of the regne off Kyng Henre the viijth and also sealed w^t my seale and the ordynaryes seale the xxvijth day of the moneth of May in the yere of our Lord God a thowsand v hundreth and xvijth and the ixth yere of the regne of Kyng Henre the viijth the which channtrie is founded for the chapelle of Longeton w^t all mess tenements burgages landis and other thapp^tenⁿce y⁹unto belongyng in fulfillyng and pformnyng my will under such condiçōns covenannt

¹ No date of probate.

and articles named specified and declared in my said feoffament and in my will and testament quadripartite y^opon declared dated as aforesaid pvided alwayes that whyles the said Robt doith want lafull age to be pst (that is to wete vj yerres) then I will y^t Sir John Walton occupye and solempne dyvine s^rvice at the forsaid chapell of Longeton Butt I will that he receyve his wages yerely duryng the said vj yerres of and by the hands off Ri^c Faryngton aforesaid And forther I will y^t John Walton pst in his tyme and also Robt Faryngton in his tyme and all other preests in they^r tyme successively for ev^o shal dispose ordur and use theymself accordyng to my said will mynd and testament made and declared upon the sayd feoffamēt afor^e dated Also I will geve and bequeth that aft^r the tyme of Sir John Walton and also aft^r the tyme of the said Robert Faryngton the said channtre w^t all and singler thapp^rtenⁿce y^oto belongyng shall remayne holle for ev^omo^r deputed ordyned assigned geven and p^sentyd by the patrons and donatorns in they^r turnes accordyng to the declaracōn off my feoffament and will to one of my blode and kynne and of my name (if ther be any) ev^o so descendyng lynally fro tyme to tyme from us provided alwayes that nother my said feoffament and will therupon made and declared dated aforesaid nor also the pste so p^sented for the tyme beyng shall in any tyme thereaft^r be pⁱudiciall hurtfull or nyous to the church of Penworth^m as in mynissheyng delayng or w^tdrawyng or defraudyng any rightes customes or uses here tofore accustomed and used to the said church And forther I will that iiij scedules be made quadripartite indented and sealed w^t my seale and unto the oy^o my feoffament and will annexed according to the true purport and meanige of this my p^sent last will and in full accomplishment of the same. Also I will y^t ev^oy pst for the tyme being for ev^omore shall make sufficient reparacōns and bydgynges of howses mess: burgages tenementes w^t other thappurtenⁿce of his tenandes (as ofte as shalbe necessary and nedefull) upon his owen ppur costs and charges Also I bequeth to Agnes

Walton the dought of Emote Hobson vj markes or the value of vj markes Also I bequeth to Elene Hunt xl^s of money or the value y^e of Also I geve and bequeth to Henry ffarington squier xl^s Also I bequeth iiij syses of ots and xx^d mettes of barlye to be dealed and dyvided amonge pore folkes for my soule helthe and m^yn annetours fforther mo^r I orden and make Thomas Walton the sone of Kat^yn Mylⁿ my true onely lawfull and last executor to deale and dispose for me and in my name all the foresaid gyftes and bequedes as he will answe^r me afore the hegh judge at the dredefull day of dome Also I bequeth to the forsaid Thomas all my goodes moveable and unmoveable the which I have wⁱn the count of Lan^c to divide mynist^y deale and dispose amonge his chyldren and for my soule helth And Henre ffarington and John Botler squyers to be supervisors and o^vseers of this my p^rsent testam^et and last will In witnes wherof to this my p^rsent testam^et and last will I have putto my seall These beinge witnes Richard ffarington Henre Sherdeley Edward Wildyngge George Robyson Ric^t Tarleton and others Geven the day and ye^r afo^r said.

THE WILL OF ELIZABETH HURLESTON OF
CHESTER WIDOW.

Probatū fuit in ecclia co^ll S^ti Johis Cest^r secundo die Aprilis
anno Dⁿi m ccccc xx viij^o

IN the name off God Amen In the ye^r off o^r Lord God a thousand v hundreth and xxvijth and the xxiiijth day off March I Elizabeth Hurleston of Ches^r wydow syke in body and holle off mynd make my last wyll and testament in manⁿ and forme folowyng ffyrst I beqweth my saule to Allmyghty God and to o^r lady Sent Mary and to all the holle company off heyvyn and my body to be buryed in the poch

church off Sayntt Brygitts in the chappell of o^r lady by my husbond
 Iſm I will therbe in bredde ale wyne and other necessaryes to be
 spend at my buryall att the dyscrecion off my exequutors Iſm I
 beqweth to the said parish church off Seynt Brigitts on chales off
 sylv w^t on vestmēt and all thyngs therto belongyng for a pⁱst to syng
 masse w^t now beyng in the same church and chapell And also I
 beqweth to the same church on covyng off venrrs for a bedd that my
 husbonds soule and myne maybe p^yyd fore Iſm I beqwheth to the
 graye frers and to the blakke frers yche of theyme vj^s viij^d and also
 to the whyte frers x^s Iſm I will therbe v p^rncipall lyghtis abowte my
 beryall and xij whyte gownes and viij torches Iſm I beqwheth to my
 sonne Nicolas my gylt cupp w^t the cov Iſm I beqwheth to my
 doght^r Ellyn flecher a broche of gold and my golde ringges Iſm ij
 pares of flaxen shetes Iſm a bassyn and on ewer off pewt^r two chan-
 delers beyng in the buttre and on dyaper table cloth a fyne towell
 and on test^r for a bedd off grene bukeram Iſm I beqweth to my
 sonne S^r Rauff a fedd^r bedde and a bolst^r ij covⁱlettes two blankettes
 ij pair^r of shetes and a test^r w^t a covyng beyng in the parler by the
 hall dow^r Iſm mo^r xx^s in money Iſm I beqweth to my sonne Rič
 on feth^r bedde with on bolst^r ij covⁱlettes and ij pa^r of shetes Iſm I
 will that he have his plegg^e which be w^t me for the sum off xxxvij^s
 iiij^d Iſm I beqweth to my sonne Hugh my ij gobbelettes of silv w^t
 the cov Iſm ij pairs of shetes Iſm ij covⁱlettes Iſm a grett pott off
 brasse and my corbes off leyde a gratt off hyron Iſm a broche off
 yron Iſm I beqweth to Jane flecher a fed^r bedde w^t a bolst^r ij pyl-
 loys ij covⁱlettes a lyttle grene covyng ij parrs of shetes ij table clothes
 owt off the colfre in the chambre Iſm iiij^j vj^s viij^d in money to her
 marriage Iſm a brasse pott ij chandlers a vodyer iiij pewt^r chargerris
 iiij dyshes and ij sawserris Iſm to Elsabeth Davenport a fed^r bedde a
 bolst^r ij pyllowys of dawne ij blankettes ij covⁱlettes Iſm a greett
 covyng that lyes on the presse ij payr^s off flaxen shet^e ij payr^s off
 canves shet^e ij table clothes and ij towelles lyeing in the chamb^r on

hyghe Iſm more iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d in money towards hyr marryage Iſ a
 brasse pott the greit pan a bassyn beyng in the buttre and iiij char-
 gerrs iiij dyshes and iiij sawserres beyng off pewt^r Iſm to my sonne
 Hugh doght^r a fflokbedd ij covlette Iſm a payr off flaxen shet^e and
 a payr off canves shet^e a fflaxen table clothe a brasse pott ij chargerrs
 ij pewt^r dyshes Iſm in money to heyr marryage xl^s Iſm I beqweth
 to Pet^r Hurleston a fed^r bedde a bolst^r ij covlette ij payr off fflaxen
 shet^e two pyllowys off downe Iſm in money to kepe hym to the
 scole iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d Iſm to Alice Cotgreyffe a fflokbedd ij covlette a
 payr off fflaxen shet^e ij chandlers Iſm in money vj^s viij^d Iſ a gratt
 off hyron Iſm a browch off yron Iſm I beqwheth to Riç flecher in
 money vj^s viij^d Iſm to Nicholas Loker in money vj^s viij^d Iſm to my
 sonne in lawe Edward Davenport my syl^v salt w^t the cov Iſm vj
 spones off syl^v that were last bōght a dyap table clothe a pair off
 hollone sheyt^e and a fyne towell beyng in my coffer att my beddys
 fete Iſm to Kateryn Ley toward hyr marryage vj^s viij^d Iſm I
 beqweth to Margaret Tarleton ij chargerrs ij dyshes ij sawcers and
 on off my kercheff^e Iſm to Katyn Blanchart ij chargerres ij dyshes
 ij saw^rces and on off my kercheff^e Iſm to Margett Korbyn ij dyshes
 and on off my kercheff^e Iſm to Alice Bradbury ij dyshes and on off
 my kercheff^e Iſm to Ellynⁿ off the kytchyn ij pewt^r dyshes and on
 off my kercheff^e Also it is my will that Pet^r Hurleston sonne to my
 sonne Nicholas Hurleston aforsaid shall have all such land^e as came
 by me and that my fefferrs recovers and atto^rney shall make and
 deliv^r to hym a sufficient and lawfull estate off the same for v^me off
 hys lyff the remaynd^r to my right heyers Also it is my wyll that
 my ffurnes my ij cesterns my ij leyds in the cowrte and my corbes
 w^t all oth^r my good^e not be quethed shalbe solde by my executors
 and they money theroff made to go to the pformance off this my last
 will and that wiche shall remayn and come ov^r all charg^e and by-
 questyes payd and allowed I wyll shall goe to the fyndynge off a
 prest to syng ffor my husbonds soule and myn in the chapell off o^r

lady w^t in the piahe church off Saynt Brigitts aforesaid beyng payd off my executors yerely ffor his wayges iiijth xij^s iiij^d so long as that money will serve and that my pst Sir Thom^s Bowker shall syng ffor us yff he be able And ffor the true pformance off this my last will I do constitute and make my executors Edward Davenport my sonne in lawe and Hugh Hurleston my sonne theys beyng wytnes Sir Robt Devyas hir goostly ffad^r and George Palm⁹ p^{ro} off the whyte ffrer^e and John Woodeley marchant off Chest^r.

TESTAMENTUM MATHEI BECKE.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The xxijth day off Novēber in the yeē off ou^r Lord a m ccccc and xxth I Mathew Beke wholle off mynd and syke in bodye felyng perells of dethe make my testement in this man^{er} Inp^{re}mis I bequethe my sole to Almyghtie God and my bodye to be buried in the colledge church of Manchestr And in the name off my mortuarie a horse I bequethe unto the roode seller off Manchestr when yt shalbe pcode [*sic*] xl^s I^{tem} I bequethe to Wygan church xx^s I^{tem} I bequethe unto litell Thom^s Beke v^{li} I^{tem} I bequethe unto Laurence Cheth^m xx^s to pray ffor my sawle I^{tem} I bequethe to the mendyng of the paymēt in Salford lane vj^s viij^d I^{tem} I bequethe unto the mendyng off Newton lawne vj^s viij^d I^{tem} I bequethe unto the mendyng off Dob lane vj^s viij^d I^{tem} it ys my will that a welle disposed preist shal syng and pray ffor my sowle a yere I^{tem} I bequethe to Marion George Brych wyff my wyff^e gyrdyll and both paīr of bedes I^{tem} I wille that the same Marion have my wyves

¹ No date of probate. George Birch of Birch Gent. married, 12th April 10 Henry VIII., Marion, daughter of Thomas Becke of Manchester, and was father of William Birch, Warden of Manchester in the time of Queen Elizabeth. — *Suffield MSS.*

The Becks, a highly respectable family in Manchester, entered their pedigree at the Visitation in 1664-5

best gowne and best kyrtyll Iſm I bequethe unto S^r Rob^t Bek my best gowne and my best blakk chamlett dublett and my best wolstyd dublett Iſm I bequeth unto George Brych my secund gowne and my tawny chamlett dowblett and a wolstyd dubbed Iſm I bequeth unto litill Thom^s Beke my gawbardyne to make hym a gowne Iſm I bequeth to Merget Hadelande a kyrtyll Iſm I bequeth to owr ladye service in Manchest^r ij^s The residue off my goode not bequetheyd I bequeth unto my brother Thom^s Beke and S^r Rob^t Beke whome I ordene myn executors to dyspose as the shall thynke best ffor my sowle helth and S^r James Grene supvisor to se that this my last will be fulfilled att Manchest^r the day and ye^r aforsaid thes witnes George Brych Laurence Cheth^m Sir James Grene and other.

TESTAMENTUM ARTHURI SCOLFELD DE
SCOLFELD.

Probat^o xx^o Apr^{lis} anno Dñi m v^o lvij.

IN the name of God Amen The xxijth day of August año Dñi 1557 I Arthur Scolfeld of Scolfeld wⁱⁿ the countie of Lanc. gent. sicke in bodie and of good and pfett remembrance lawde and praise be to Almightye God do ordeyne and make this my p^{re}snt testamēt and last will in maner and forme followinge ffirst and principallie above all things I comend my soull to Almightye God my Maker and Redemer and my bodie to be buried in the parrishe churche or churche yard of Rachdale or els where hit shall please God to dispose Iſm I geve and bequethe to the highe aulter at Rachdale iij^s iiij^d Iſm I geve and bequethe towards the repara^{ci}ōns of the same churche iij^s iiij^d Iſm I geve &c. to Emme my doughter in lawe xxvj^s viij^d yerelie w^{ch} I have paide out of Hartishedd Hall in Yorkshire duringe the yeres w^{ch} I have yet to expende in the same Iſm I

geve &c. to my mother on newe silv¹ spone and vj^s viij^d in monie
 Iſm I geve &c. to Cuthbte Scolfeld¹ my silke dublet my sward my
 bruche vj^s lodes of timber in Quycke² and on paire of crok^e lyenge in
 the maister lawe Iſm I geve to evy on of my brothers children v^s
 Iſm I geve &c. to Robt Buckley my best coate Iſm I geve unto
 Hughe Buckley my silk hatt Iſm I geve unto Edward Latham
 my best hosen Iſm I geve unto Edmund Butterworthe my best
 paire of hose savinge on Iſm I geve &c. to Edward Talio^r my
 servannt one dublett of buckeskynnes one paire of hose one lether
 jerkin and v^s in monie Iſm S^r Henrie Ferror ij^s The residue of
 all my goods catallis and detts after my detts beyinge paide my
 funerall expensis discharged and thes my legacies herein conteyned
 pformed I whollie geve and bequethe to Alex^x my bastard sonne And
 I do constitute and make Caterin my wyffe and the said Alexand^r
 my executors to execute trulie in the pmisses And of the execucon
 of the same I do ordeine and make the forsaide Cuthbte Scolfeld
 Thom^s Buckley of Buckley and Robt Buckley his sonne supvisors
 Thes witnes Thom^s Hill George Buckley Thom^s Tetlowe Edmūd
 Mylne and others.

¹ Cuthbert Scolfeld Gent. was the heir of the testator, who was the head of an ancient house in the parish of Rochdale, descended from John del Scolfeld who attests in Hundersfield the grant of John de Sale to Thomas his son and heir on Monday next after the feast of S. Michael xvii. Edw. III. (1348), and who frequently occurs in deeds of that reign. For some account of the individuals named in this will see *Derby Household Books*, p. 164, *Note 1*, published by the Chetham Society.

² Qu. Quick in Saddleworth.

TESTAMENTUM ALEXANDRI NEWTON DE
NEWTON.¹

Probat⁹ xxvj^{to} Julii anno Dñi m^o v^o lvij^o.

IN the name of God Amen The iiijth day of Julie in the yere of
o^r Lord 1557 and in the iij^t and iiij yeres of Phelippe and
Marie Kinge and Quene &c. I Alex^r Newton of Newton wthin the
countie of Chester gent. beyng sicke of bodie and of good and pfit^t
memorie thank^e be to God do ordeyne make and declare this my
pñt testamēt herein conteyned my last will in maner and forme
followinge That is to witt first I geve and bequethe my soull to
Almightie God my maker and Redemer and my bodie and bones to
be buried wthin the pishe church of Saint Michael at Mottram
Also I geve and bequethe to George Newton my sonne and heire for
and in the name of his heirelomes two of my best oxen my best
waine and wheles my best silv⁹ spones my best bedd wth the covynge
belonginge to the same a grett panne or a grett brasse pott wth two
arks for meyle Also I will that the rest of my goods catallis and
dettis shall be devyded into iij^t equall and just pts wherof I geve and
bequethe on equall and just pte unto Emlyne my wife on other pte
to be devyded amonge my children the forsaid George Isabell and
M^rgaret my daughters onlie exceptid and for the therd and last pte
I do reserve to myselfe as well for the discharge of my fuhall as also

¹ "Newton is said to have given name anciently to a family and to have had a mesne manor, which was conveyed in 1692 by Alexander Newton to Sir Charles Dukinfield Bart."—Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 415. The testator was of Newton in the parish of Mottram, and does not appear to have been connected with the Newtons of Pownall, owners of Newton juxta Butley in the parish of Prestbury. He married Emlyn, daughter and heiress of Thomas Bromley of Nantwich, and after his death she became the wife of Edmund Dukinfield Gent.—*Lanc. MSS.* vol. xii. For a notice of the family see *Derby Household Books*, p. 111, *Note*.

for the accomplishmēt of my legacies and bequestis hereafter declared in this my last [will] and testamēt Also I geve &c. to the forsaid George my sonne and heire of my iij^t pte all other cart^r plowes waines harrowis and all other implemēt^r belonginge to husbandrie xij silvⁿ spones two coffers and one little coffer tenne syffes of otis a horse and a mare called Julian with all bords and bedstoks wthin my house Also I geve &c. to Wiffm Hollinworthe my godsonne of my said therd pt on calfe Also I geve to Reynold Hollingworthe his father on ballid bulloke and his fellowe Also to John Hollinworthe on other calfe Also I geve to Isabell Hollinworth on other calfe Also of my pt I bequeth Thom^s Crompton on cowe wth a white side two stirks a red and a blacke Ifm I bequethe to M^ogaret his wife a blacke cowe that was an harriot for John Turⁿ Also I geve to Isabell Hollinworthe a browne cowe Also to Wiffm Crompton a calfe Also I geve to Wiffm Newton Emlin Elizabeth Cicelie and Ka^t my children xxx^{ti} hogge shepe the p^{ce} to be taken of my said therd pte and also that these forsaid v children have the saide sheppe made v^{ti} Also I geve to John and Thom^s my sonnes two oxen a blacke and a browne besid^e ther child^e pt to kepe them to schole Also I geve Emlin my wife a mare called Rose and also a bed cov^ynge w^{ch} she bought at Ashton And also I geve evy on of my children whose names followe iij^t syffes of otis that is to say Wiffm John Thom^s Emlin Elizabeth Isabell Ka^t Cicelie and M^ogaret Also I will my sonne Wiffm shall have all his good^e besid^e his child^e pt Also I geve &c. to evy on of my servannts on halfeyeres wages Also I geve to James a cowe stirke beside his wages Also I geve to Agnes B [sic] ov^r her halfe yeres wages on paire of tere hempe shetes Also I geve to my godsonne Ale^x Haughton iij^s iij^d Ifm to Alis Baylie ij^s Ifm I geve to the mendinge of the bell at Mottram x^s Also I will that Anne my doughter have her childs pt of good at the forste dyvision therof among^e her other brethern and sisters but no part or porcōn of the revsōn of my owne therd pt And the rest

remainder and rev^son of all my goods and catallis I geve to my children whose names followe that is to witt Wiffm John Thom's Emlin Eliž Cicelie and Kať to be devyded amonge them by even por^cons Also I bequethe and assigne on close lyeinge nerest unto James Bailies called the m^oled earthe unto my iiij^{or} doughters unmarried unto suche tyme that xx^{tie} m^oks be reysed and taken up of the same by myne executors toward the marriage of my said doughters that is to witt to evy of them v m^oks at suche tyme as they shall come unto marriage or els other honest p^{er}formēt Provided alwaies that if my sonne and heire do come in bonndē to myne executors to pay the said sūme of xx^{tie} m^oks towardē the marriage of my said doughters at suche tyme as they shall [think] reasonable then he to have the occupa^con of the forsaid close Also I will that John Bailie shall have the medowes w^{ch} heretofore he occupied at Michelmas next comynge payeinge the rent therof to my forsaid wife at M^otinmas then next followinge Also I will that if any clause or article conteyned in this my last will and testamēt be not sure and sufficiēt in the same or contrarie and repugnant to any law or statute of this realme heretofore made that then the same shalbe corrected and amended accordinge to the said lawe or statute followinge the true meaninge of this my said will And to the intente that this my last will may be well and trulie accomplished in all causes accordinge to the tenor forme effect and true meanyng of the same I constitute ordeyne make and appoint Reynold Hollinworthe Thom's Ashton Rondull Wynnyngton and Emlin my said wife my true and lawfull executors and my brother John Hollinworthe and Thom's Crompton ov^{er}seers of the same Thes beyngē witnes Raffe Heyward Charles Andrewe Raffe Andrue Wiffm Fullalove James Jonson John Cleyden Sir Davyd Ithell curate at Mottram.

TESTAMENTUM ADÆ BIROM.¹

IN the name of God Amen In the yere of o^r Lord God m.d.lvj the therd day of May I Adam Birom of Salford in the countie of Lanc. m^ochaunt hoole of mynd and pfett memorie ordeyne constitute and make my last will and testamēt in man^r and forme followinge ffirst I geve and bequeth my soull to. Almightye God besechinge o^r Ladie Saint Marie and all the hollie cumpanye of heaven to pray for me and my bodie to be buried in the pishe church of Manchester afore the rode nere unto my father and mother Also I geve &c. to the churchwardeyns of the said church towards the churcheworks there and for my buriall in the forsaide church x^{ls} Also I will that all and singuler my detts whatsoev^r they shalbe w^{ch} I shall fortune to be owghinge at tyme of my deathe and also all my funⁿall expenses and suche costis and expensis as myne executors or any of them shall susteyne beare or be charged wth for or concernynge the sute in the lawe spūall or temporall for and annends the pformance or maintenanne of this my will and testamēt or any pt therof shalbe levied taken and paide of my whole goodē and cattallis And further I will that after all my detts shalbe paide and all obligacōns and specialties by me made and to be made clerelie discharged and paide and all funⁿall expensis and sutis above rehersed paide and pformed of my hoole goodē and cattallis Then I will that the residue of all my said goodē and cattallis shalbe devided equallie into two parts wherof on part w^{ch} to me dothe apparteyne and belonge I geve &c. hoollie to my thre sonnes George Birom Henry Birom and Adam Birom to be equallie devyded amonge them ov^r and beside ther

¹ No date of probate. The testator was son of Ralph Byrom of Salford (second son of Byrom of Byrom) by Alice, daughter of — Starkey of Pennington. — *Lanc. Visitation* 1613. He was ancestor of the Byroms of Salford and Manchester. Miss Atherton of Kersall is the representative of the latter family.

childes part and porcion of my goods and cattallis and the other part and halfe of my said goods &c. I will to be equallie devyded amongis the said George Henrie and Adam and Isabell Birom M^ogaret Birom and Anne Birom my daughters indifferentlie evy one a like porcion of the same part Also I will that my said sonnes George Birom and Henrie Birom shall aswell have the rule govnanncce and kepinge of the said Isabell M^ogaret and Anne my said doughters of ther part and porcion of ther said goods and cattallis untill they shall come sevallie to ther ages of xxjth yeres or shalbe p^rferred by marriage as the said George and Henrie my said sonnes shalby ther discrecion thinke conveniēt And also I will that my said thre doughters Isabell M^ogaret and Anne and evy of them by the discrecion of my said sonnes George and Henrie shall have ther convenēt exhibicion and findinge of ther sevall parts and porcions of the said goods and cattallis untill they shall come to and be of ther sevall ages of xxj yeres or shalbe otherwise p^rferred by marriage as is aforsaide Also I will that when any of my said doughters Isabell M^ogaret and Anne shall come to her full age of xxjth yeares or in the meane tyme shall come to any reasonable pmocion or marriage as my said sonnes George and Henrie shall thinke conveniēt then I will that the forsaide George and Henrie wthin the space of on hoole yere next after suche pmocion or marriage shall delyver to evy suche of the said Isabell M^ogaret and Anne so pmoted or p^rferred or so comynge to her age of xxjth yeres her said part and porcion of the said goods and cattallis w^{ch} shall so remain in the hands of the said George and Henrie Also I will that if any of my said doughters Isabell M^ogaret or Anne afore her or theyr sevall ages of xxjth yeres will not be ordred nor ruled by my said sonnes George and Henrie and aske and claime any pt of my said goods and cattallis then I will that my said sonnes George and Henrie shall reteyne and kepe in his or theyr hands all suche part and porcion of my said goods before to theym bequethed as is afor-said wthout any delyverie therof as shulde appteyne or belonge to any

of the said Isabell M^ogaret or Anne so refusinge to be ordred by my said sonnes George and Henrie untill suche tyme as any of them so refusinge the order of my said sonnes George and Henrie shall come to her or theyre full age of xxj^{tie} yeres or before her p^{er}firmēt or marriage as is aforesaid Then I will that all and evy suche part and porcōn of my said goods as ought to appteyne or belonge to any of the said Isabell M^ogaret or Anne my said daughters so deceassinge shalbe equallie devyded amonges the other of my said daughters Isabell M^ogaret or Anne then beyng on lyve and not married And if hit happen the said Isabell M^ogaret and Anne and evy of them to dye before theyr full age of xxj^{tie} yeres or before ther p^{er}firmēt or marriage then I will that all the part and porcōns of my said goods w^{ch} shuld or ought to appteyn to any of the said Isabell M^ogaret and Anne shalbe equallie devyded amonges my said sonnes George Henrie and Adam or suche of them as then shalbe lyvinge Also hit is my will that if my said sonne Adam dye before his full age of xxj^{tie} yeres and not married at the time of his deceasse that then all suche part and porcōn of my said goods and cattalles as shuld or ought to appteyne or belonge to the said Adam so deceassinge shalbe equallie devyded amongis the said George and Henrie my said sonnes if they shall then be lyvinge Also I geve &c. to my lovinge frends Laurens Asshawe gent. Alex. Rigbie and Robt. Shawe evye on of them fowre m^oks in monie to thentent that they and evy of them be aidinge and assistinge to my executo^{rs} for the true accomplishmēt and executōn of this p^{re}sēt will and testamēt accordinge to the speciall trust and confidence w^{ch} I have reposed in them and in evye of them And by this present will and testamēt I do revoke and adnull all former willes by me heretofore made written or spoken And also I do ordeyne constitute and make for my true and faithfull executo^{rs} my said sonnes George Birom and Henrie Birom to thentent that they shall see this my will in evye article and pointe to be trulie p^{er}formed and fulfilled and kept And I constitute and make my supervisors of this

my last will and testamēt my sonne Adam Birom and Raffe Browne desiringe them as my speciall confidence and trust is in them to be good and kynde unto my said children In witnes wherof I the saide Adam Birom to this my p̄sent last will and testamēt have set my seale and subscribed my name in the presence and witnes of Robt Shawe, Adam Birom ffrannce Sannde Alex. Rigbie and others.

TESTAMENTUM ANNE TILDISLEY.¹

IN the name of God Amen The xvijth day of October in the yere of oʒ Lord God 1556 I Anne Tildisley of the p̄sche of Eccles the doughter of the late Thom^s Tildisley esquire nowe deceased beyng sicke in boddie and of good and p̄fett remembraunce do make my last will and testamēt in man^r and fourme followinge ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightye God to oʒ Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanye of heaven and my boddie to Christian buriall nere unto the place where my father lyethe in Eccles churche yard Iſm I do aske forgyvenes of all the world and the creatures therin and I do also aske and requyre forgyvenes of all those that I have by any meanes trespassed or offended heretofore f̄relie forgyvyngge all the world and all the creatures therin of all trespasses and faulte to me heretofore comitted and done Iſm whereas my graundfather Thurstan Tildesley esq̄r late deceased hathe geven and bequethed as apperethe in one article or clause of his last will and testamēt unto me xlii to be levied of his goodē as far as his goodē will extend and if his goodē will not extend so farr then he willed that the said some of xlii to be levied of his fermes of Mireschoghe

¹ No date of probate. She was a daughter of Thomas Tildesley of Wardley Eaq. by Jane, daughter and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead. — *Suffield MSS.* His marriage settlement is dated 26th October 10 Henry VIII., when they were "both within age."

Saurbie Gawsnarghe Pulton fferna and Fishwicke w^{thin} iiij^{or} yeres next after the day of his deathe towards my marriage w^{ch} said some of xl^{li} and evy part and pcell therof I do frelie gyve and bequethe unto my welbeloved mother Jane Tildisley widdowe and to my brother Thurstan Tildisley esq^{er} indifferentlie to be devyded betwene them two Ifm I do geve &c. unto my mother Jane Tildisley widdowe on cove and unto my cosin Elizabeth Worthington two partlett^e the one wrought wth gold and the other wth silke And I do also geve &c. unto my two sisters Isabell Tildisley and M^ogaret Tildisley the resedue of myne apparell if my said mother therunto will consent Ifm I do ordeyne constitute and make my welbeloved mother Jane Tildisley widdowe and my brother Thurstan Tildisley esquier my true and lawfull executors of this my last will and testamēt unto whom I geve &c. the resedue of all my good^e unbequethed And I do require and most hartelie beseche my cosin Thurstan Parre to be the supvisor of this my last will and testamēt as my espiall trust is he will so be Ifm I will that my executors shall geve to evy on of my bretherne that is to say Hughe Tildisley Ri^c Tildisley to George Tildisley to Thom^s Tildisley to Gilbte Tildisley and to James Tildisley and to evy of them xiiij^s iiij^d a pece to be paid by the hands of my executo^{rs} w^{thin} two yeres next after my deceasse if my said executo^{rs} wilbe pleased so to do In the presence of thes psons Jane Tildisley widdowe Thurstan Tildisley esq^{er} Hughe Tildisley Alice Worthington Ri^c Tildisley George Tildisley Thomas Eccersall Wi^{ffm} Rothwell Roger Hodgekinson Thom^s Sotherne wth others.

TESTAMENTUM CICILIE BOTHE.¹

IN the Name of God Amen The xxvijth day of Decēbre 1557
 I Cicelie Bothe of Dunh^m Massie wthin the countie of Ches-
 ter gentlewomā beynge vexed and troubled wth sicknes in my
 boddie and knoledginge my selfe mortall and the tyme of deathe
 or momēt of the same to be most uncerteyne willinge to make
 order and a redynes of all my goods detts and all other things to
 me belonginge as was geven and bequethed unto my marriage by my
 father George Bothe decessed and likewise all other goods w^{ch} was
 geven me by my mother as may stand wth the order of the comen
 lawe of this realme do make order and establishe this my last will
 and testamēt in manⁿ and forme followinge ffirst I will and be-
 quethe my soull to Almightye God and o^r Ladie St. Marie and all
 the hollie cumpanie of heaven to pray for me and my bodie to be
 buried in Jhesus Chapell wthin the church of Bawdon ffirst I will
 and bequethe to Wi^lm Boothe of Dunh^m Massie vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d Itm
 I will and bequethe to my brother John Boothe xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d Itm
 I geve unto my godson Rob^te Boothe vj^{li} xiiij^s iv^d Itm I will and
 bequethe to Anne Massie Elizabeth Fitton and Dorothe Tatton my
 sisters vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d a pece Also I will that my cosin Elizabeth
 Massie shall have vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d Also I will that Wi^lm Tatton and
 Rob^te Tatton have either of them iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d Itm I geve unto the
 church of Bawdon liij^s iiij^d to be prayde for Itm I geve and be-

¹ No date of probate. Cicely, daughter of George Booth of Dunham Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt. Her sisters mentioned in the will were Anne, the wife of William Massey of Podington, Esq.; Elizabeth, who afterwards in 1566 married Richard Sutton of Sutton Esq.; and Dorothy, the wife of Robert Tatton of Withenshaw Esq.—Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402. It is evident from the will that Elizabeth had married a Fitton previous to her union with Mr. Sutton.

quethe unto Sr Thom^s Strettell Sr Henrie Tippinge and Sr John Percyvall iij^{li} vj^s viij^d a pece I^{fm} I will and bequethe to my brother Robte Boothe one hundrethe marks I^{fm} I geve my uncle Robte Booth iij^{li} vjs viij^d I^{fm} I geve unto Charlis Boothe xx^s I^{fm} I geve unto George Boothe xx^s I^{fm} I geve unto Raffe Massie x^s I^{fm} I geve unto Gilbte Bonworth xx^s I^{fm} I geve to Thom^s Arderon xij^s iiij^d Also I will that vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d be devyded amongis poore people at the discre^{con} of myne executo^{rs} I^{fm} I will that all the s^rvauntis w^{thin} the house shall have a yeres wagis geven them and the rest of all my good^e unbequethed my detts fun^{al}les and ordinarie charges discharged I geve and bequethe unto myne executors to bestowe in dedes at ther discre^{con} Also I ordeine constitute and make my brother Robte Boothe and myne uncle Robte Boothe my true and faithfull executors to execute this my last will and testamēt in maⁿ and forme before rehersed In witnes unto this my last will and testamēt I the said Cicelie Boothe have to thes p^{nt}e put to my seale the day and yere abovesaid Thes beynge witnes Sr Thom^s Strettell curate Sr John Percyvall Henry Neld John Tippinge and Adam Ogden.

TESTAMENTUM CAROLI MANWARINGE DE CROXTON
ARMIGERI.¹

IN the name of God Amen The vijth day of the monethe of Marche in the yere of o^r Lord 1520 [1520-1] I Charles

¹ No date of probate. Charles Mainwaring of Croxton, the King's Attorney for the county of Chester, was the son of Ralph Mainwaring of Croxton by Katherine, daughter and coheir of Roger Darley of Chester. He married Katherine, daughter of John Dukensfield of Dukensfield Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 114. It is there stated that he died 5 Hen. VIII., which the date of the will disproves. Isabel was probably his second wife.

Manwaringe of Croxton esq^r hole of mynde and memorie nevtheles sumwhat vexid wth Godde visita^ōn make and ordeine my last will and testamēt and last will in this man^r and forme ffollowinge ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightye God and to our Ladie his mother and to all the hollie sainte and my boddie to be buried in the chapell of Saint Nicolas in the pishe of Middlewiche Also I bequethe in the name of my principall my best quykke good Also I geve &c toward the gildinge of the table of the highe aulter of the pishe churche of Middlewiche xiijs iiij^d Also I bequethe to o^r Ladye servise maintenynge in the same towne a cowe I^m I bequethe to the pishe churche of Moburley two torches and xvj^d I bequethe to the pishe churche of Alderley a torche I^m I bequethe to S^r Henrie Bentley xl^s and his table for a whole yere to singe for my soull and for my frend^e soullis duringe the same yere I^m I bequethe to Thom^s Pevo^r my russet gowne Also I bequethe to my doughter Anne all such dette and covenannt^e as is betwixe me and S^r Thom^s Ashton of Ashton under Lyne as more playnelie apperis by writinge betwixe us made the w^{ch} writinge I have delyvered to the said Anne¹ my doughter the coppye wherof hereunto this my will is annexed I^m I will that all man^r of gyftes grannt^e assignemēt^e feoffmēt^e and bequest^e of any man^r my land^e tenement^e good^e and cattallis made by me heretofore by writinge or declared by mouthe by dede or last will to Isabell my wife or to the use and behofe of the same that by this my last will all suche thing^e as much as in is they be ferme stable and ratified in all man^r effecte to the profett of my said wyfe I^m I ordene and make my executor^s of this my testamēt Isabel my wife that she shall se for the pfett of my soull as she thinks best and will answeare before God to whom I bequethe the residue of my good^e and duties owinge after my bodie be buried my will fulfilled and my dette paid Thes witnes

¹ James Ashton of Chadderton Esq. married Anne, daughter of Charles Mainwaring of Croxton. — Harl. MSS. 1549, fo. 1. At his father's death, 34 Hen. VIII., he was et. 48, and ob. 3 Edward VI. anno 1550. — *Lanc. MSS.* vol. xxxi. p. 171.

S^r Henrie Bentley þiste Rauffe Chikkens and Raffe Manwaringe
Geven the day and yere abovesaid.

TESTAMENTUM ROBERTI HOLT DE ASHWORTHE
GENEROSI.¹

IN the name of God Amen The vjth day of Novēber in the yere
of o^r Lord God md and lxx and in the first yere of the reigne
of o^r soveraigne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God &c. I Robt
Holt of Ashworth in the countie of Lanċ gent sicke of bodie and of
good and þfitt remēbrannce laude and praise be to Almighty God
therfore do ordeyne constitute and make this my þsent testamēt
and last will in maⁿ and forme followinge ffirst and principallie I
bequethe my soull into the hande of Almighty God Maker and
Redem^r of mākinde and my bodie to be buried in the parrishe
churche of Midelton or els where hit shall please God to dispose
Ifm I will that all my goodē cattallis and dettē after my dettē and
fuⁿall expencis paide shalbe devided into thre equall partē whereof
one equall part I will that Johann my wyfe shall have in the name
of all her thridd part of all my goodē and cattallis And one other
equall part I will that my fowre children Williā Cicelie Dorithie and
Elizabeth shall have equallie devided amongē them And of the
thrid equall pt I geve grannt will and bequeth toward the reedyfy-
enge or sustentaċōn of the parrishe churche of Midelton vjs viij^d
to be paid by myne executo^{rs} as they churchwardeins shall reason-
ablie require the same Ifm I geve &c. toward the sustentaċōn of

¹ Proved Feb. 15th, 1559-60. The testator married first, Grace, daughter of Ralph
Rishton Gent., marriage covenant dated 26th November, 14 Henry VIII., and secondly
Joanna, daughter of Sir Robert Langley of Agecroft Knt., marriage covenant dated
20th October 1558. She was living at Ashworth in 1560 "in plena vita."—*Lanc.*
MSS. vol. xi. p. 275. For an account of this family see *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii.
part i. p. 103, and *Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 198 et seq.

Ashworth chappell vj^s viij^d to be paid by myne executo^{rs} when the church ryves shall reasonablie require the same Iſm I geve &c. to my sonne in lawe Robt Hulme iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Iſm I geve &c. to my doughter Anne¹ Hulme iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Iſm I geve &c. to Jone Hulme a calfe and two shepe. Iſm I geve &c. to my suster Ellen Dene vj^s viij^d Iſm I geve &c. to Thom^s Dene my nephewe two shepe Iſm I geve &c. to John Kay my nephewe two shepe Iſm I geve &c. to Anne Whitworthe one shepe Iſm I geve &c. to Johanne Whitworthe on shepe Iſm to Elizabeth Whitworth one shepe Iſm I geve &c. to Thom^s Holland my servannt vj^s viij^d Iſm I geve to James Lache iij^s iiij^d Iſm I geve &c. to James Holt xij^d Iſm I geve &c. to James Fishe xij^d Iſm I geve &c. to Ale^x Whitworthe xij^d Iſm to Robte Collinge xij^d Iſm to Ri^c Bridge xij^d Iſm to Hughe Holt xij^d Iſm I geve &c. to Ri^c Medwoodd xij^d Iſm I geve &c. to myne execut^r hereafter to be named xx^s to be geven to the poor folke dwellinge in Asheworthe or nere Asheworthe as my execut^r shall thinke mete by ther discre^{co}ns Iſm I geve &c. to my sonne Robte Holt my horse my saddill my bridell and all thinge^r belonginge therto wth all my harneis belonginge to the warres Iſm I geve &c. to my said sonne Robte Holt a fetherbedd a matteras wth thinge^r belonginge to them and my coffer w^{ch} hathe my evidence in wth all my part of worke lomes pteynynge to husbandrie Iſm I geve &c. my clocke my brasse pott all my spitt^r gawbert^r and stonne trowghes thre grett ark^r and two grett keres to my serve [*sic*] my wyeffe and my heires at Ashworthe Iſm I will that my wiefe and my two sonnes Robte Holt and Wiſm Holt shall have suche tacks of tithes at Qldam as I have under S^r Thom^s Holt duringe his lease and the residue of all my part of good^r my legacies conteyned herein p^rformed I geve to my said wyfe my sonne Robte my iiij^{or} children Wiſm Cicelie Dorithie and Elizabethe equallie to be

¹ Anne, wife of Robert Hulme of Manchester, and great grandmother of William Hulme Esq. the founder of the exhibitions at Brazenose. — *Lanc. Visitation*, 1664-5.

devided amonge them And of this my p̄sent testamēt and last will I do ordene constitute and make Jone Holt my wiefe and Wiſſm Holt my young^{er} sonne my faithfull execut^{or} to execute justlie in the p̄mysses as my trust is in them and supervisors therof I do ordene constitute and make S^r Thom^s Holt S^r Robt Langley kts. and ffrauncis Holt sonne and heire apparent of S^r Thom^s Holt kt. to ov̄see justlie this my last will and testamēt as my trust is in them Thes beynges witnes Thom^s Holland James Haworth Thom^s Deyne James Fishe Robt Collinge wth others.

TESTAMENTUM KATERINE BUCKLEY DE CHEDILL.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The xvjth day of Novēber the yere of o^r Lord God mdljx I Caterin Bulkley of Chedale in the countie of Chester beynges of p̄fitt mynde and rem̄braunce nev̄theles fearinges the uncertaine howre of God^e visita^{ti}ōn not willinge to dye intestate do therfore ordene constitute ordene and make my last will and testamēt in man^{er} and forme followinge ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almighty God to Jhesus Christ his onlie sonne o^r Lord and to the Hollie Ghoste pcedinge of them bothe desiringe them to accept my said soull into their hollie hand^e and my bodie to be buried in the chauncell at Chedill before the grett windowe there Secondlie I geve and bequethe unto S^r Ri^{ch} Buckley k. my nephewe my best tableclothe of diap my best towell of diap also and my best carpet and to my Ladie Buckley my nece a .gold ringe wth a blewe and a red stonne in the same desiringe her to accept the same for a simple token and remēbraunce and to pray for me Also I geve &c. unto my younge nephewe M^r Ri^{ch} Buckley my signet Ifm I geve &c. unto M^r Thom^s Buckley my brother

¹ No date of probate.

my second table clothe and second towell and also my best bed savinge one that is to witt a matteras a fetherbed a bolster two pillowes a paire of shetes two blankett^e on covlett and the second coveringe and my brother Robte I geve x^s in gold Also I geve &c. to my nece Ellen my best gowne and my best kirtell to the same and also my therd bed that is to witt a matteras a fether bed a bolster two pillowes a paire of sheet^e two blankett^e a covlett and my therd covinge and also my thrid table clothe and my thridd towell and to Raffe Arderne my godsonne I geve xl^s the rest of my reament and apparell I will be devid betwixe my nece Elizabeth Buckley and little Catterin my wenche and I geve to ether of them that is to the said Elizabeth and Caterin v^{li} a pece and to my nephewe John Buckley v^{li} and to my nece Kat Bulkley xl^s I^m I geve &c. to my godson Charles Buckley v^{li} and to my nephewe Thom^s that is sonne to my brother Wi^m xl^s I^m I geve &c. to my servannt curate and ghostlie father S^r Homfrey Birron on pece of gold beyinge xx^s and also an other pece of gold viz. a dubble duckett and to the same S^r Homfrey also I geve &c. a matteras a fether bedd viz. the second that I lye apon a pillowe a bolster a paire of flaxen shet^e two blankett^e and two coverlett^e Also I geve &c. to Pascha xl^s and to Elizabeth Hawerden xl^s I^m to Elizabeth Sutton I geve xx^s and a coverlett I^m to Anne Blackshawe M^garet Browne and Anne Tippinge I geve x^s a pece I^m I geve &c. to Raffe Blackshawe xx^s and to John ap Ri^c xx^s and to John Hygenson vj^s viij^d and to Cateren Hygenson vj^s viij^d I^m I will that Robt Jameson shall have xx^s and double raymēt accordinge to his indenture at the o^vsight of my executo^{rs} I^m I geve &c. to Wi^m Sidebotham a yoke of oxen and to Kat Moile xl^s The rest residue and remainder of all my good^e and cattallis not bequethed and geven after my dett^e paid my legacies pformed and the cost of my fuⁿall dischargid w^{ch} I will to be wthout any pompe of the worlde but after an honest sort I will to be divided equallie betwixe my nephue Thoni^s Buckley w^{ch} is wth Doctor

Pole my nece Ellin Arderon my nece Elizabeth Buckley and little Kaſ my wenche Iſm I ordeine conſtitute and make my^e lawfull execut^r M^r Thom^s Buckley my brother my nephue Tho^ms Buckley w^{ch} is wth Doctor Pole and S^r Homfrey Birron to execute and pforme this my ſaid laſt teſtamēt as they ſhall anſwere afore God and for ther paines I geve unto the ſaid M^r Tho^ms Buckley xxx^s and to either of the other two executo^{rs} that is to my nephewe Tho^ms and to the ſaid S^r Homfrey xx^s a pece Provided alwaies that if my ſaid executo^{rs} be vexed or troubled in the lawe that then they ſhall have their chargis borne them upon my ſaid goodē In witneſe whereof to this my ſaid laſt will and teſtamēt I the ſaid Kaſ Buckley have put my ſeale and ſubſcribed my name wth myne awne hand the day and yere above ſaid Theſe beyng witneſe Wit^m Bancroft Raffe Blackshawe Tho^ms Buckley wth others.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS CALVELEY
PENCIONARIJ.¹

IN the name of God Amen I John Calveley pension^r to the Quenes grace do make this my laſt will and teſtamēt beyng of pfit^t memorie firſt I bequethe my ſoull to Almighty God to o^r blessed Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanie of heaven and my bodie to be buried in Aldford churchē if I die in Cheſſhire if I die any where els at the diſcrecōn of my executo^{rs} or frendē

¹ No date of probate. He was ſervant to Queen Mary, and a younger ſon of Sir George Calveley of Lea Knt. by Elizabeth daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton Knt. His ſiſters were, Catherine, the wife of John Beeton of Beeton Eſq.; Joan, who married firſt John Edwards of Chirk, and ſecondly Sir Ralph Leyceſter of Toft; Chriſtiana, married, 4 Henry VIII., Richard Hough of Leighton; Eleanor, wife of John Davenport of Calveley in 13 Hen. VIII.; and Dorothy, who married firſt Robert Boſtock, and afterwards Edward Almer. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 419.

beyng there then Iſm I geve to my brother Sr Hughe Calveley my
 ſignet of gold and my ſackelothē gowne furred wth catt Iſm I geve
 to my coſen George Calveley the beſt horſe that I have and my beſt
 cappe wth aglettē and my crimſon ſatten dublett wth the hoſe and
 ſhoes therto Iſm I geve to my coſen Hughe Calveley my chaine of
 gold Iſm I geve to Mr. John Dutton my gylt wood knyfe and my
 horne tipped wth ſilv^{er} and gilt and I geve to my coſin his wyfe my
 crimſon ſatten gowne laid on wth lace of ſilv^{er} Iſm I geve to my
 coſin George Biſton my ſecond horſe and my harneis of ſtele Iſm
 I geve to my coſin Sr John Done my gilt harnes of velvet Iſm I
 geve to my brother Sr Hughe my night gowne of blacke damaske
 garded wth velvet and I geve to ev^{ery} on of my ſiſters that be alyve
 xx^s a pece in gold to make them ev^{ery} on a ringe in remembraunce of
 me for lacke of a better giſte And I gyve to my brother Edwardē
 his gonne he gave me And I geve to Wiſſm Houghe¹ my beſt cur-
 tall Iſm I geve to my coſin Wiſſm Alm⁹ my ſhort damaske gowne
 garded wth velvet Iſm I geve to my brother Davenport my beſt
 croſſe bowe wth the rack and the arrowis Iſm I geve to my brother
 Alm⁹ my little croſſe bowe wth the racke Iſm I geve to my brother
 Edwardē my longe gonne Iſm I geve to Dorithie Dampport toward
 her marriage fyve m⁹kē Iſm I do geve xx^s nobles to the pavemēt
 of Saighton Lane Iſm I geve to Robtē Dicus my old ſervaunt xl^s
 and I geve to Rondull Banester my intereſt of Bewmarris howſe the
 widdowe in Sawhton duringe his life And to John horſe kep my
 ſervaunt I geve hym xx^s nobles and I geve to Donne iiij^{li} and to
 Heſeld iiij^{li} I geve And I geve and aſſigne unto my brother Antonie
 all my leaſes of Sawghton and to Raffē Calveley his ſonne (my debtē
 paid and my will fulfilled) I geve and aſſigne to hym my leaſe
 of the pſonage of Bridlington Iſm I geve to Geffrey xl^s and to ev^{ery}
 ſervaunt in my brother Antonies houſe I geve xl^d a pece and I geve

¹ Nephew of the teſtator, and huſband of Jane, natural daughter of Thomas Crom-
 well Earl of Eſſex. — Ormerod vol. ii. p. 304.

to Elizabeth Turner iiij^{or} m⁹ks and to the pishe of Aldford a bañer of xx^s to be praide for and an other bañer I geve to Hanley and an other to Churchen Heathe and x^{li} to be geven to the poore to pray for my soull And I charge myne executo^{rs} to pay the pson of Hanley what he will take of his conscience I owe hym and to my brother S^r Hughe Calveley iiij^{li} I borrowed of hym and what he will have for his tithe hay to pay hym and to pay evye man that can aske me any thing as myne executo^{rs} will answe^re me in an other world And the rest of my goods I geve to myne executo^{rs} And if hit please God to call for myne executo^{rs} wthout issue then I wold my leases shuld be the heires of the Ley and this I aske all the world forgyvenes and I forgeve all the world Written with my owne hand the iiijth day of June in the thridd and iiijth yeres of Kinge Phelippe and Quene Maries reigne I geve to Lowe my tenannt xx^{tie} nobles Ifm I geve to Bunburie church a banner of xx^s Ifm I geve Henrie Longton my hole interest of his house and demaine groundes that he occupieth now duringe his lief Ifm I do geve Wifm Done my servaunt his howse and ground duringe his lief And I do make my well beloved brother Antonie Calveley and Raffe Calveley his sonne my executo^{rs} of this my testamēt

p me John Calveley.

TESTAMENTUM THOME WILBRAM DE WOODHEY
IN COM. CEST. ARMIGERI.¹

IN the name of God Amen In the yer of o^r Lord God m. v^c lv
[1555-6] the xijth day of Januarie I Thomās Wilbrām of Wood-

¹ No date of probate. The testator, son of William Wilbraham of Woodhey, by Helena daughter of Philip Egerton of Egerton Esq., married Margaret, daughter of Sir John Mainwaring of Peover Knt. and died without issue 3rd July 1558. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 199.

hey beyng of parfitt mynd and in good health make my testamēt and last will in forme followinge ffirst I bequeth my soule to Almighty God and to o^r blessed Ladie Saint Marie and to all the hollie cumpanie of heaven and my bodie to be buried in the churche of Acton in o^r Ladie chapell and I will that the Alabast^r stonne that is whole w^{ch} lay in the said chapell before be laid upon my grave, and I will that xx^s be geven to the churchwardens to be bestowed as they and my executo^{rs} shall thynke necessarie And yf any monie be owinge by the churchwardens for the churche to me at the tyme of my death I do forgyve the same Also I will y^t xij gownes be bought made and gevin to xij pore men and women the day of my buriall Also I will ther be geven and delt the day of my buriall to evy person that will require the same ij^d And further I will that xx^{li} be geven by the discrecōn of my executo^{rs} to other poore folk^e and namelie to the poore howsholders whare and in suche places as my executors shall thinke convenient wth convenient spede after my deathe and that they fayle not hereof as I trust them Also I geve xx^s and more yf nede shall require at the ovsight of my executo^{rs} to amend the waies and paymēt^e betwene Acton churche and George Baguley his howse where most nede shalbe w^{ch} monie I will be delyvered to some honest man that will se the same bestowed and he to have for his ovsight and paynes iij^s iiij^d Also I will and geve x^{li} towards the exhibicōn and findynge of Wiffm Daniell¹ at learninge at an Inne of Cowrt to be delyvered by my executo^{rs} as they shall thinke necessarie provyded that yf the said W^m Daniell be not mynded thereto or will not aplye his learnynge as he shuld do or els happen to dye before the said x^{li} be bestowed that then the residue of that said monie beyng behynd and not bestowed shalbe gevin amonges the young^e children of Katarin Donne decessed then beyng unmarried at the

¹ Nephew of Thomas Wilbraham and third son of Thomas Daniel of Tabley Esq. He was afterwards knighted and became Judge of the Common Pleas. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 366.

discreoñ of my executo^r or of the more part of them And beside that I will xx^{li} be bestowed and geven amonge the said daughters towarde the marrage or p̄fermēt at the discreoñ of my said exe^c and when they shall thinke conveniēt Iſm I geve to my suster Levsage sonne beyng prentice above x^{li} to be delivd as my exec: shall thinke necessarie Also I geve to the widowe Wilb̄m Rič mother xij^s iiij^d and suche monie as I have lent her at any tyme heretofore I forgyve hit her Also I geve to the widowe Flete iij^s iiij^d and to W^m Ralinson and Westbrek to eyther of them iij^s iiij^d Also I lent John Wilbrām of the Wyche vj^s viij^d I forgeve hym the same Iſm I geve to Thom^s Pollet xij^d and to Robyn Hemet xij^d Iſm I geve to Agnes Swetnam suster to Elizabeth Kynsie xl^s Iſm I geve to my godsonnes Raffe Betteley his sonne and Tho. Clutton's sonne to eyther of them vj^s viij^d and to Rič Wyche sonne and Henrye Leceyto^r sonne my godsonnes to eyther iij^s iiij^d Also I lent xx^s to my cosin W^m Clayton diverse yeres past I do geve the same to his sonne my godsonne Also where I lent to my cosin Laurence Woodnet x^{li} to be repayde in x yeres and have obligacoñs for the same I will the same be forgevin hym towarde the helpinge and fyndinge of his children Also I do forgyve Rič Flete of Poole xx^s w^{ch} I lent hym Also Rafe Betteley oweth me about iiij^{or} markē that I lent hym at sevall tymes I do forgeve hym the same Also where I have an indenture of Rič Wilbram of two closes or pastures in Wordleston ther in the holdinge of Edward Mynshull for terme of xiiij^{ene} yeres payenge to me yerely xx^s wherof as yet I have receyvid no rent my mynd and will is y^t the rent of the whole yeres shalbe forgyven hym willinge hym the rather to put his quaynes [*sic*] from hym and to lyve more vertuoualie Also I geve to his suster unmarried v markē to helpe her to some mariage to be delyv^d when my execu^t shall thinke mete Also I will and desire my brother to geve and pay yerelie duringe my brotherē liefe to evy of the said Rič bretherne (W^m except) xij^s iiij^d to helpe them wth yf they will leave their unthriftines

and gaumynge or els not Also where I have made a patent and graunt to John Wilbram of v^{li} of anuall rent by yere duringe his liefē I will and desire my brother he may have and enjoye the same accordinglie unles my brother preferre hym as well otherwyse Also I geve to my suster¹ Whitmore my suster Daniell my suster Lev^ssage and my suster Dorithie to evy of theym iij^t double duckett^c for a remembrannce Also I geve to my cosin W^m Lev^ssage and his wiefē to ether of them ij angell nobles I^{fm} I geve to my cosin Isabell Bromley my cosin M^garet Holford and to my cosin Heleyne Massie to evy of them ij angell nobles I^{fm} where James Halghton owithe me xx^s that I lent I forgyve hym the same I^{fm} I geve to John Burton's wiefē xx^s I^{fm} Humfreye Hussye owithe me an angell noble that I lent hym at tyme at vij^s vj^d I forgeve hym the same Also I paid no tithinge for kyne nor hay for suche ground as I occupie in Bunburie parishe I will iij^s iiij^d be gevin for my discharge therin Also where I lent to my suster Lyv^ssage x^{li} for the helpe and to the use (as she said) of W^m Wilbram I will the said x^{li} be forgevin to the said W^m and my suster to be discharged therof Also I geve to Alice my uncle Thom^s bastard doughter now widowe dwellinge I suppose in Warmengh^lm parishe xx^s And where my brother Robte Manwaringe owethe me xl^s w^{ch} I lent hym I do forgeve hym the same and in like man^r I do forgeve my brother Henrye Manwaringe xxxiij^s iiij^d that I lent hym Also I desire my brother that Julian the bruer (yf she use her selfe honestlie) may have xx^s yerelie duringe her liefē she doynge s^rvyce therfore for reasonable tyme for I dyd promyse so to her I^{fm} James Roo oweth me xxiiij^s iiij^d for a stere that he had of me long ago I do forgyve the same Also my mynd and will is that all my corne aswell wthin howse as wthout growing

¹ The sisters here mentioned are, Elizabeth, wife of John Whitmore of Thurstanston Esq.; Margaret Daniel, mother of the future Judge; Margery, wife of Ralph Lever-sage of Wheelock; and his sister-in-law Dorothy, daughter of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. and wife of his brother Richard Wilbraham.

and all my cattaile and howsehold goodd^e (heriatts bequest^e and harelomes excepted) shalbe equallie devided in thre part^e wherof my will is my wiefe shall have one pte and my brother Ric. an other pte and the thridd pte to be toward^e the pformannce of this my will and testamēt And forther my will is that my wiefe shall have xx^{li} in readie monie to bestowe at her pleasure in considera^on that I have willed but the third pte of my corne cattaile and howsehold stufte to her as is before menciōd w^{ch} I so did biecause the most of the said good^e were left to me by my father to thentent I shuld leave the same to my brother to remaine at this howse as by my said fathers will whose soull God pdon hit may appeare w^{ch} I wold on my behalfe shuld be performid as nere as I cold whereunto my wiefe pmysed me to be contented Howbeit in case she will not be so pleased but requyrethe to have the half of the said good^e then rather then stryfe or unkindnes should therbie growe I will she have the halfe of the same And for so much the said thrid pte appointed as above saide toward^e the pformannce of this my will is not sufficient to discharge and accomlishe the same And my mynd and will is that my sayd brother shall have all my dett^e that be owinge to me and also all my monie to thentent he shall se this my will throughlie pformed and the ovplus (yf any shalbe) to be by hym employed disposed and bestowed in dedes of charitie and otherwyse as he shall thinke necessarie and requisite I remytt the same fullie to his discre^on and consciens willinge and requiringe hym to deley the doynge therof no longer then of necessitie shalbe requisite And I will my said brother shall have all suche pcell^e of plate for here-lomes as were left to me by my father And forther he to have for harelomes as shalbe reasonable accordinge to the custome of the cunntrie And also I will he have all suche tack^e and fermes land^e as I have for terme of lief^e or yeres And also I will he have all suche monie as I have laid downe for morgaged land^e when the same shalbe redemed Also I geve to M^ogerie the butler and to Dic

Wirrall to eyther of them v m^ok^e and to all other my howsehold s^rvānt^e at the tyme of my deathe xx^s besid^e ther wag^e Ifm I will that my brother Ri^c dailie waytinge s^rvannt^e shall have ev^y of them x^s Also I will that S^r John Alman shall have yerelie duringe the space of vj yeres next after my deathe paid to hym by my exe^c iij^{li} to say masse and p^ye sp^callie for my sowle my father and mothers sowles and all other my frend^e sowles and to serve at Acton church duringe the said yeres in case the pishion^s will finde a St. Marye p^yste besides duringe the same tyme And yf they do not then the forsaid S^r John to be at my brothers appointmēt where to s^rve I toke a chalice into my hand^e at the rieffeling^e of churches w^{ch} my mother deliv^d to s^rve at o^r Ladie alter I will the same be deliv^d againe for S^r John to say masse wth Also I desire my brother to agre wth S^r John Bushell for other vj yeres to pray for the sowles above said at what place they two shall agre spon imediatlie after my death The most part of all suche dett^e as ar owinge me by way of lone ar written in a red pap boke beyng^e in the plo^r cupbord and other detts for wood cattaile and corne are written in the longe narowe boke of white pap I had in my kepinge dyv^se p^rcell^e of monie and gold of my suster Daniell and have deliv^d her the same againe when she sent monie to the m^ochūntt And some peces of gold of my suster Whitmores I have in kepinge My suster Daniell owith me that I have laid downe for her all thing^e beyng^e allowed and the booke cast by my brother xxvij^o die Julii aⁿis iij et iij^{to} reg^e et regine lxxxvij^{li} xvij^s ix^d I had xvij bushell^e of barlie of her not reconed for and for recompence therof and to have her to be good to her children above I am contented to have nothinge for her table and her dowhters they time the were wth me Also I nowe appoint and desire my brother Ri^c my wief^e my cosins Wiffm Lyverseche and Tho. Clutton to be my executo^rs of this my will and testamēt and do geve to either of my said cosins ij angell nobles Also I desire my cosin S^r

Riç Egerton knight that hit will please hym to be ovseer of this my said will and I geve unto hym for a remembraunce iij angells Finis.

TESTAMENTUM THOME STARKIE DE STRETTON IN
COM. CESTR. ARMIGERI.¹

IN the name &c. The iiijth of Julie m v^e xlvij I Thom̄s Starkie of Stretton wⁱⁿ the cowntie of Chester esq^{er} beyuge in good mynd and in good and parfitt remembraunce laude and prayse be unto Almighty God make and ordeyne this my present testamēt conc²ninge herein my last will in manⁿ and forme followinge that is to say first I comend my sowle unto Almighty God my maker and redeem⁹ and my bodie to be buried in the pishe churche of Budworth wthin the chauncell there afore the hye alter where any of my auncesto^{rs} have bene buried afore Also I geve vj^s viij^d toward^e the reparcōns of the churche Also I will that all suche dett^e and duties as I owe of right or consciens to any pson or psons be well and trulie contented and paid by myne exe^c hereafter named or els for so to be paid wthout contradicōn or againe sayeinge and all suche as shalbe bequethed by me the forsaid Thom̄s as hereafter ensueth Also I geve &c. unto S^r W^m Hardware vicare of Budworthe in the name of my mortuarie x^s and where I am behynd wth the said vicare of any dutie or duties w^{ch} apperteyne unto hym other x^s desiringe hym to pray for me Also I geve &c. unto Ellen my dowhter two fetherbedd^e and ij kye to be taken out of my good^e and cattail^e and to be deliv⁹ unto her at suche tyme as she shall

¹ No date of probate. He married Anne daughter of Sir John Booth of Barton Knt., by whom he left two sons and a daughter, Ellen, who married Richard son of Randle Spurstow of Spurstow Esq. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 491, and vol. ii. p. 158. See his father's Will p. 19.

kepe howse Also I geve to Elizabeth Spurstowe my goddaughter one cowe and that to deliver to my brother Rondull Spurstowe that he may se that to go forward^e for her behalfe Also I geve my chamlet gowne and velvet jacket to make ij vestmēts to the chapell of Stretton to serve there Also hit is my will to have vj white gownes to vj pore men to bere torches that is to wytt to John Pickerin Rafe Hall Hughe Caldwell Randull Starkie Thomās More and John Bennet Crepill And after my buriall done I will iij of the said torches to be deliv^d to Budworth churche and the other iij to remaine at Stretton chapell agreynge wth the vicare for them Also I will that my sonne Rič shall have my lease of the tithes of Stretton from and after the feast of Saint Martin the Bushoppe next after my decease payenge unto my executo^r iiijth of usuall monie w^{thin} xlth daies after it be reasonable demaunded and also he to suffer my wiefe to have all the tithes of Moswoodd so longe as my said wiefe kepithe hospitalitie there w^{thout} any rent therfore payenge Also I geve to my said sonne Rič my best gowne furred wth skynes Also I bequethe to my cosin Rič M^oburie of Walton one of my two colt^e to be taken at his election at or on thiside Martenmas next after my decease Also I bequethe to my sonne Geffrey a doublet of velvet and my cloth gowne furred wth blacke lambe Also I bequethe to my servūnt Robt^e Threlfall on twinter heffer and to Isabell Percivall my servūnt one calfe and to M^ogaret Colstenstoke my serv^{nt} on calfe The rest to my executo^r whom I ordeyne my right trustie and derelie beloved Anne and Geffrey Starkie my younger sonne And I constitute and make my ov^{seers} S^r Rič Jerratt parson of Grapnall Rič M^oburie of Walton and Rič Urmston Thes beyng^e witnes John Grymisdicke of Deynewall Rič Starkie of Apulton John Grymisdicke of Grymisdicke S^r Peter Lachford chapleyne and others Also I bequethe to the chapell of Stretton ij kyne

Thomo^s Starkie esquier.

THE WILL OF JOHN DUTTON OF THE NEW MANOR.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen The ixth daye of ffebruarie in the xxxiiijth of Henrie the eight &c. I John Dutton of the newe manor wholl in mynde &c. ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightye God and o^r Lady St Mary and beseche him that I may be ptaker wth him of y^e joyes that he bought for me and all mankynd wth hys ꝑciouse blode And my bodye and bones to be buryed in the chauncell of Derresbury afore the Image of St Elyn there ffurther yt is my mynde and will y^t all suche thinge as be undoone of my fathers wyll wherewth I was put in trust y^e same shalbe accomplysshed and doone wth my goodē by myne executourē Also I will that all my landē goodē and cattelles moveable and unmoveable shall contynewe styll together after my discesse unto suche tyme as my yongest bastard childe shalbe of the age of xvij yearē and if my wyffe so longe keep her sole unmarried after my discesse and y^e same to be employed and go to theyre exhibicōn and most pffyt duringe the same tyme And I to be brought home and my funerall expenses and legacies to be payd upon my whole goodē And if my wiffe in y^e meane tyme be married and be not contented to lyve so longe sole or if she withe this my will be not contented then it is my full mynd and wyll that my sayd goodē and catelles shall equally be devyded in three ptes And one pte therof my wyffe to have and another pte my bastard sonnes and y^e thyrd pte my bastard donghters And if my wyffe nowe be wth child whether it be man child or woman chyld then I will that the same child have a porcōn of my goodē like as my other bastard chyldrene have And the third parte of the pffytte and revenewes of my landē I will y^t

¹ No date of probate. An illegitimate son of Laurence Dutton of Dutton Esq. See his father's Will p. 22.

my wiffe have duringe her lyffe And after that the sayd seventene yearē be fully ended and fynysshed I will all my landē wthin the countie of Chester and the fee of Halton shall go and remaine in manⁿ and forme as hereafter ensueth It is to witt y^t if my wyffe be wth chyld wth a soñe then he to have the moitie or halffen deale therof and John Dutton my bastard soñe thother moitie or halffen-deale to theym and to y^e heire males of their bodies lawfullie begotten And if it chaunce ether of theym to discease wthout haire male then it ys my mynde and wyll y^t whether of theym fortunes to survive thother shall have y^e whole landē to him and to his hayrē male by his bodie lawfullie begotten And for default of suche yssue then yt is my will the same my landē shall go and remaine to Thomas my bastard sonne and to theire male of his bodie lawfully begotten and so to remaine from one bastard sonne to another as longe as I have any sonne Item I geve and bequethe towarde the makinge of a wyndowe upon the south syde of y^e churche of Derresburie if my name may be sett inthe same and the same syde be made wthin the space of xvij yearē next ensuyng the date herof xl^s Item I geve and bequethe xxx^s for three trentalles of masses to be sayd for me to wyt one trentall to be sayd the daye that I am buried if so many priestē can be gotten and if not then to be fylled out another daye and thother two trentalles to be sayd by S^r Hamnet Sonky S^r Wyllm Pikton and S^r Robt Sonky assone as they may convenientlie afterwarde And y^t evy of thafforesayd xvij yeares that vj^s viij^d be dysposed apon an obyte or mynnyng¹ [*sic*] day thone halfe to be geven to poore folkē and thother to the pryestē and clarkē and for bread and drynke Also I geve &c. to Katherin Wyrrall xl^s and desyre her in the waye of charitie to forgeve me of suche offence and trespassē as I have made to her

¹ Minnyng-day — the anniversary festival in which prayers were offered up for the souls of the deceased, A. S. See Halliwell in voce. "Minning" is still a common Lancashire word for *reminding*.

I geve &c. to Margaret Bikerton xx^s and to Ellen Kirkham other xx^s Ifm I will that at my buryenge vj white gownes be bought by my executo^{rs} and distributed to vj poore folkę where they shall thinke most expedient and nedefull I ordeyne &c. John Dutton and Thomas Dutton my bastard sonnes my executo^{rs} and I desire my M^r S^r Peers Dutton my brother Thomas Dutton and Thomas Grymesdich and my wyffe to be ovseers of the same And if it fortune hereafter that any of my afforesaid childrene chaunce to be married affore y^e afforesayd xvij yearę be expyred or be not contented to tarry together but will go and be ruled by him or her selfe then I will that the same child so goynge from thother shall have for his or her porcōn viij m^okę And if any of my executoure or ovseers of this my will take paines or be at charges for the p^{er}formēt or fulfyllinge of this my will it is my mynde that they shalbe recompensed at the ov^{er}sight of the other ovseers Item I geve and bequethe to evy of my godsonnes ij^s Item I geve &c. to John Bothe vj^s viij^d and to Laurence Bothe vj^s viij^d and to Rondull Onesworth vj^s viij^d Item it is my wyll that if it chaunce me to discesse at this tyme that this my wyll shalbe made up in due forme accordinge as it ought to be by thadvise of my brother Thomas and Thomas Grymysdyche and my executo^{rs} to have the kepinge therof These beinge wytnes S^r Thom^{as} Fletcher vicar of Runcorn S^r Hamnet Sonky S^r Wyllm Pikton Rondull Onesworthe Thomas Dutton Thomas Grymysdyche Roger Massye of Acton John Henryson of Aunston Henry Duckworth and others And herunto I have put my seale the daye and yeare above sayd Ifm I geve &c. y^e resydue of the tackę of my howse wherein I nowe dwell wth all landę therunto belonginge to my wyffe as longe as she kepeth her sole unmarried towardę ye kepinge of her and my bastard children and if she marie or decease then I will geve &c. the same to John my eldest bastard sonne and if he discesse then to the eldest of my bastard sonnes next him. John Dutton.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS WRIGHTINGTON
ARMIGERI.¹

Phať corā Maġro Jo. Hanson xv^{to} Decem̄ m^o v^o lvij^o.

IN the name &c. The xxijth of August m^o v^o lvij I John Wrightington wthin the countie of Lanċ esq̄er sicke in bodie &c. first I do comend my sowle into the handes of Almighty God trustinge throughe y^e m^ocie and grace of God to have the fruicion of his blessed presence amonge all the saincts and angell̄ in heavin and my bodie I do comitt to chrasten men his buriall in my parishe church of Standishe nere the place where my wiefe was buried And as concerninge my goodd̄ first I do geve to Alexander Wrightington my sonne in the name of his child̄ part and for the discharge thereof xxvj^{li} xij^s iiij^d and to ev̄ child of the said Alexander xx^s Item I do geve all my plate cuppes salt spones and other made of silv̄ or gold to Riċ my sonne and his heres to remaine as harelomes to hym and his said heres for ev̄ And I do geve to the said Riċ and his heres in like mañ all iren chymleys wth all brasse pewter beddinge and all other implem̄ts of howsehold Iñm I do geve to Thom̄s Chyssnall my sonne in lawe two old ryall̄ and one angell and to John Chisnall my god sonne xl^s and to ev̄y other of the said Thom̄s Chisnall children x^s Iñm I do geve to John Wrightington sonne unto Arthure Wrightington my brother xl^s Also I do geve to the buildinge of my parishe church of Standishe

¹ This family did not enter at any of the Visitations. Robert Dicconson of Eccleston married Ann, daughter of John Wrightington of Wrightington Esq., whose grandson Hugh Dicconson had Wrightington by gift of his uncle [great uncle?] Sir Edward Wrightington, Benchet of Gray's Inn, where he resided. — Wilson's *MSS.*, Shepherd's Library, Preston. The property has passed by descent to Charles Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. the present owner. For a notice of these families see the *Derby Household Books*, pp. 120, 163.

xl^s o^v and besid^e xx^s gevin to the said churche by my father decessed I^m I do geve to Henrie White xij^s iiij^d and to Ri^c and John his bretherne to either of them vj^s viij^d I^m to e^vy servuⁿt man that I have o^v and besid^e his wages that he will reken apon his consciens vj^s viij^d w^{ch} be thes W^m Nightingale and W^m Haryson and to James Turner and Ri^c Rigbie to either of them iij^s iiij^d Item to M^{res} Agnes Standishe and M^{res} Isabell her sister to either of them xx^s Item it is my will that my stocke of sheepe shall remaine hollie to my executors to the entent they may wth the revenues and increase therof dispose yerelie among^e the poore people of Wrightington Heskin and Eccleston vj^s viij^d I^m to e^vy godchild I have xij^d I^m to M^garet Denton o^v her wages as she can reken xx^s Item to Isabell Cowlinge vj^s viij^d. I^m to S^r Ri^c Modie¹ in the considerac^on of his paynes wth me vj^s viij^d I^m to John Rob^te and Thom^s Hawett to e^vy of them vj^s viij^d To Ri^c Waringe iij^s iiij^d I^m to Rob^t Chamblayne the parishe clarke of Standishe for his paynes ij^s And the Residue of all my good^e dett^e and legacies herin menc^oed or hereafter to be declared and my fub^lall expenses fullie dischargid I do geve whollie to Ri^c my said sonne to the bringinge up of his children And by this I do make and constitute Ri^c Wrightington my sonne and heire apparent and John Wrightington sonne to the said Ri^c to be my true and lawfull executors this my will and testament so to execute accordinge to the tenor theroff And so I do make supvisor my assured M^r Edward Standishe esquier to whom for his paines takinge I do give two old riall^e of gold And that this is my true will and testam^et I have caused my curate to write hit wth his owne hand and I have sealed and signed hit wth myne owne hand

John Wrightington.

¹ For a notice of this Rector see Gastrell's *Not. Cestr.* vol. ii. part iii. p. 392, *Note*.

TESTAMENTUM WILLIELMI TORBOCKE DE TORBOCKE
IN COM. LANC. ARMIGERI.¹

IN the name &c. The xiiijth of May m^o v^o lvij I Wiffm Torbocke of Torbocke esquier hole in bodie &c. ffirst I bequethe my soull to Almightye God and to o^r Ladie Saint Marie and all the hollie cumpanie of heavin and my bodie to be buried where hit shall please God to call for me out of this transitorie world onles if I die wthin x myles of Huyton parishe then my bodie to be buried under the tombe where S^r W^m Torbocke knight liethe in my own chapell The tombe to be set up againe apon my cost and charge imediatlie after the buriall ffirst I bequethe harelomes pte I found and more I do gyve for heirelomes to myne heires for ev^o ffirst I bequethe one chalis of silv^o pcell gilded I bequethe a silv^o salt vj spones also the best bason and ewer and also the best towall for the same also the best bordclothe wth vj napkins of the best for the table I bequethe all my harnes and all the bedcasis bothe cervin bedde and other plaine bedde with all the meate borde and formes therunto also all cupbord in the chambers and also the chaires I bequethe all standinge leades here and at the chapell hall for hit is my will that they shall kepe the same places Also I do geve all the yelinge combes wth ij gret saltinge tubbes in the larder house I do geve two gret spittes wth their rackes for them Also I do bequethe the brinyng coumbe wth the gret pott in the kichin wth

¹ Not proved, the executors having renounced. William, son of Thomas Torbock of Torbock Esq. by Elizabeth, daughter of William Moore [of Bank Hall], married Catherine, daughter of Thomas Gerard of Bryn, by whom he had issue two daughters, Frances and Margaret. His sisters Margaret and Alice were married, the former to William Ireland of Lydiate, and the latter to John Harrington of Huyton Esq.—*Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 100. The inquisition post mortem, taken 1 Elizabeth, states that his daughter Frances was a year and a half old, and Margaret only two months.

one halfe garnishe of pewter vessell Also I bequethe all the beddinge w^{ch} liethe in the chamber named my Lord^c chamb^r wth all the henginge in the same chamb^r Also I bequethe all the old ark^c and also ij gret ark^c standinge in the nursarie wth the chest that stands in my closet that my evidence are in I bequethe to my said heires my signet that I do weare apon my fynger and also the best paire of shodd whelis wth iron and also the best waine and thre of the best sidroppes one best hyde yoke wth ij best draught yok^c and also two of the best plowes wth y^e irons that long^c to them and also two of the best harrowes wth iron pynnes and also a paire of weld^c wth iron Ifm I bequethe iiij^{or} of the best oxon and also my best mare and also a bull and iiij^{or} of my best kie and also the best boore and the best sowe and also all the lomys for a webster to werke in Item I do bequethe the iron chymney that is used to stand in the hall and all the iron gere that belonges to the milnes This is my will that yf my wief nowe beynge wth child yf hit please God to be a sonne hit to have all thing^c afore written yf she have a doughter then I do make my brother Edward¹ myne heire and to have all suche heirelomes as is afore expressed yf hit fortune that I have an heire male of my bodie lawfullie begotten then I bequethe to my said brother Edward of my gyfte v^{li} yerelie duringe his lief as I shall declare by my dede wth lyverseason Also I bequethe my said brother to have all suche goodde and dett^c

¹ Edward Torbock married Dorothy, daughter of George Cotton of Combermere, and had issue Sir Edward Torbock Knt. who by his wife Margaret, daughter of Edward Norres of Speke, had a son Edward. — *Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 100. The Cotton pedigree (Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 212) states that she was the daughter of Richard Cotton. From the Act Book at Chester it appears that administration of the goods of Edward Torbock of Torbock Esq. was granted to Dorothy his widow 6th June 1608. Through this entry the pen has been drawn. On July 28th following administration of the above was granted to Edward Torbock Esq. son of Sir Edward Torbock Knt. and grandson of the above Edward. Edward Torbock Esq. and his two sons Adam and Richard, enrolled their names at the Guild held at Preston 2nd September 1622, which is the latest notice I have met with of this ancient family.

that I do owe hym I do geve hym my hope ringe of gold having two lřes in hit that is A T and W Iřm I bequethe hym my best somer nagge my sword saddle and bridell I bequethe to my doughter fřauncis Torbocke thre hundreth m^ok_ę to her mariage and to be taken and receyvid of my land_ę to be made accordinge to the lawe yerlie to be receyvid by suche frend_ę as I shall appoint and a chest to be made wth double band_ę and lock_ę at my cost_ę and charg_ę to kepe the same monie in unto suche tyme that she come to mariage I do bequethe her in consideracōn that she shall not have any pte of goodd_ę that belong_ę to me but that I may bequethe at my pleasure yet I bequethe my said doughter one fetherbed a matteras a boulster two pillowes a paire of flaxen sheetis two fledge blanket_ę and a counter poynt Iřm I do bequethe my said doughter two kye and also xx^{ti}_s sheepe and one gret coffer also one brasse pot called the pore mannes pott I bequethe to my brother W^m Ireland a blacke gowne and cote and to my sister Ireland a blacke gowne and also iij^{li} vj^s viij^d Also I bequethe to Laurence Ireland my godchild iij^{li} vj^s viij^d my said suster to put hit forthe for his most profett Iřm I bequethe to my brother John Harington a blacke gowne and cote and to my suster his wief a blacke gowne and iij^{li} vj^s viij^d I bequethe to Percivall Harington my godchild xl^s in monie and to Anne Harington my god doughter iij^{or} m^ok_ę in monie to be put forthe for them at the sight of their mother Yf my wief have a doughter then it to have ij^c m^ok_ę to her mariage to be taken up of my laund_ę made accordinge to the lawe also I do geve her ij kye and one fetherbedd wth all hanging_ę longinge to the same in and for consideracōn that hit shall not claime any child_ę pte of goodd_ę but that I may geve and dispose at my pleasure Iřm I bequethe to my suster Anne Torbocke a blacke gowne and two hundrethe m^ok_ę to her mariage yf she do marie by the advyse of her frend_ę to be taken of my land_ę as shalbe made by dede according to the lawe Also I do geve her at suche tyme she

is married vj^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d to bie her appell Also I do geve to my suster Dorithie a blacke gowne and also two hundreth m^ok^e in consideracōn of suche stufte that I have of hers Also I do geve her the best fetherbedd that was her owne a bolster two pillowes a matteras two blankets and a covynge And also I do geve her xx^{tie} m^ok^e of monie to be taken out of my goodd^e to bie her apparell Also I do geve to myne uncle Ri^c Torbocke liijs^s iiij^d yerelie I^tm I do geve my servūnt Ri^c Torbocke xxvj^s viij^d yerelie I^tm I do geve to S^r George Robinson preist a blacke gowne the same preist to have yerelie iiij^{li} to be taken of my land^e as muche as want^e of the hyre of the kie longinge to the stocke of this towne of Torbocke to be made sure accordinge to the lawe And he for the same to serve and say masse and other devine service that long^e for a preist to do to pray for the soull^e of my p^rdecessor^e and me and all Christen soull^e duringe his naturall lief to serve at the chappell that stand^e upon Torbocke grene yf the said chappell be not builded up at the tyme of my deceasse then I will that the said chappell shalbe made up upon my cost^e and charge Also I do geve unto the said chappell on chalice of silver pcell gilt a vestment and all thing^e that longis to the same to be at the o^vsight of the lords of Torbocke Also I do geve to W^m Hayward my servūnt xiijs^s iiij^d yerelie except he be otherwais preferred by me Also I geve to Elizabeth Worsley my wiefes mayden a blacke gowne and iiij^{or} m^ok^e toward^e her mariage Also I do geve to all my yomen that nowe do me service e^vye one a blacke cote and a hole yeres wag^e o^v and besides that I do owe to them at my decesse I do geve W^m Skellicorne for his service done to my father and me that he shall have imediatlie after the decesse of Nicholas Wyke the tenemēt w^{ch} the said Nicholas nowe dwell^e in I am content for Nicholas sake that John Wike shall have the tenemēt in Wooton w^{ch} W^m Skellicorne hath nowe at my hand^e although he was offender Also I do geve to George Matherer Wilkinsons house yf he and the widoo be content to

marrie together payenge yerelie all suche rent^e and ³vyce as is accustomed yf in case the widowe will not marrie the said George then I will that Martinmas come twelfemonth the tenemēt shalbe devided George to have the one halfe and she to have the other halfe duringe her widdowe hood to bringe up her children for he to do two pt^e and she but one yf she do marrie or decesse then the hole tenemēt I^m I do geve to James Moreton my coke to have after the decesse of ux^r Robt Crok^e the tenemēt w^{ch} she nowe dwell^e apon payenge all rent^e &c. and to do service to me and myne heres the gevinge hym wage for his service Also I do geve John Hurst biecause he knowes no wage to have xl^s desiringe my wiefe and my brother Edward to be good to hym Also I do geve Roger Burges a blacke cote for his paine and iij^s iiij^d I do geve Thom^s Orme of Wooton besid^e his cote xiiij^s iiij^d I^m I do geve myne uncle S^r W^m More priest a blacke gowne and xl^s I^m I do geve S^r Edward Lawe vicar of Huyton xl^s I^m I do geve unto M^ogaret Ireland my servūnt and Elizabeth Ireland her suster to either of them vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d toward^e their marriag^e I^m I do geve to my worke servaunt^e all suche as have done iij yeres service or upward shall have a hole yeres wag^e besid^e that I do owe them and the rest of my servūnt^e to have a quarter wage besid^e that I do owe them and for the rest that I geve no wage unto I will that my ex-ecuto^{rs} shall loke apon them and to do for them as they shall thinke cause I do geve &c. to Elizabeth Dewerhouse xxvj^s viij^d I^m to Alice Mather xx^s and to ev^y on of the other xiiij^s iiij^d I bequethe viij pore men ev^y one of them a white gowne to suche as I shall appoint And vj blacke gownes to vj poore women as I shall declare hereafter or els to the poorest of myne owne tenent^e Also hit is my will that my bodie to be buried wthout pride not to geve no dole at the day of my buriall but to preist^e and clark^e but the shall distribute hereafter wthin xiiij daies after my buriall xij mett^e of wheate what p^rce soev^r hit be at in bred one mett in Torbocke a

mett in Huyton a mett in Knowsley a mett in Prescot a mett in Whiston a mett in Crounton a met in Ditton a mett in Halewood a mett in Miche Wooton and Little Wooton two mett^e in Ly^vpole Also I do ordene &c. my true and lawfull executo^r Ka^t Torbocke my wief my cosin George Ireland esquier of the Hutt my uncle John More esquire myne uncle S^r Robt More and my brother Edward Torbocke I^tm I bequethe to my cosin Ireland a blacke gowne a cote and my tercell of gowshake And also to myne uncle John More a blacke gowne and cote and a geldinge named Coll Also I do geve to myne uncle S^r Robt More a blacke gowne and a cote and a blacke geldinge with a white face and xx^{li} over and beside that I do owe hym And forthermore hit is my will that all my land^e in Raine^rforthe shall go and be taken toward^e the payenge of my dett^e and p^rformaunce of this my last will except all suche land^e in Rayn^rforthe as I have geven by dede of feofm^et In witnes herof to this my last will and testam^et I have set to my seale and subscribed my name the day and yere above written

Wifm Torbocke esquier.

Witnesses S^r Robt Moore ct S^r W^m Moore ct George Mader Elizabeth Worsley Wifm Heyward W^m Abbott wth others.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM DAVENPORT OF BRAMHALL ESQ.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen Primo die mensis Junii anno incarnaōis
Dñi nři Jesu Xři millesimo quingen^o quadrage^o primo I Wifm
Damp^te of Bromall esquier sicke and feble in my bodie nevthelesse

¹ No date of probate. The testator married Blanche, daughter of Sir John Warburton [of Warburton and Arley] Knt. by whom he had, besides other children, Katherine the wife of Hugh Revell of the county of Derby, and Ellen the wife of Ralph Done of Flaxyards Esq. — Ormerod, vol. iii. p. 401.

of good and pfecte mynde and remēbraunce dredinge the uncertaine tyme of my naturall deathe make my testamēt and laste will in man^r and forme followinge ffirste I bequeth my soull to Almighty God and to o^r Lady St. Marie his blessed mother and to all the holie cumpanye of heaven And my bodie to be buried in the chappell of o^r blessed Lady w^{thin} the church of Stopforde upon the southe syde of the same chappell where my anncesto^rs be buried Also I will that myne executors shall pay unto the pson of Stopford for my mortuarie according to the acte of parliamēt therof made concerninge mortuaries And I will that my sonne have his haire lomys accordinge to y^e custome of this countie of Cheshyre And I will that my funeralles debt^e restitucōns and all other thing^e ordinarye and reasonable be equally devyded in iij partes wherof one parte to remaine to Blanche my wiffe And the seconde to my children not maryed and the third to remain to myne executors to pforme my legacies and bequest^e And I will that myne executo^rs cause an honest priest to celebrate masse and other devine service for the soulles of me my father my mother my aunceto^rs and all Christen soulles in the church of Stopford and chappell of Bromall by the space of one wholle yeare next after my deathe ffor convenient wag^e so to do Itē I will that myne executo^rs cause xxx^{li} masses to be celebrat and doone [in] Stopford church incontīnēt after my deathe for my sowlle my fathers mothers anncesto^rs and all Christen soulles and pay for evy masse iiij^d Itm I geve toward the mayntenēce of the service of our blessed Ladie in the church of Stopforde xij^s iiij^d Itm I geve &c. to the reparacōn of the sayd church xl^s Item I geve &c. toward the mayntenance of the service of St. Peter there xij^s iiij^d Itm I geve &c. to the church of Chedull toward^e the buyldinge therof xij^s iiij^d Itm I geve &c. to my servaunt^e Riç Damp^te xx^s to Thomas Downs xx^s and Bartilmew Damp^te xx^s And the residue of my good^e and catelles that remaine to myne executo^rs for my pte I gyve and

bequeth to my son Wiſſm Dampport to kepe my daughters Katherin and Ellen [with] meate drinke and clothis conveyentlie untill the be maryed and he to have all their ptes of my goodē to theym belonginge Itē I geve &c. to John Damppte my sone a coate of fence a sallet and a payre of splentē and a bill And to my sone Humffrey Damppte a coate a sallett and a payre of splentē and a bill And I will that my wief have y^e thrid pte of my landē y^t she is indowable in wthout any sute at the comē lawe wthin xx^{tie} dayes next after my discesse And I will y^t Robt Longley and my said wyef and Wiſſm my sone have y^e govⁿance and orderinge of John Damppte and Howffrey Damppte untill they come to yearē of discrecō and receyve the annuyties goodē and cattelles to theyr uses Also I geve &c. unto Katherin Damppte and Ellen Damppte my dough- ters all my pcelles of land medowe pasture and wood in Bromall aforesaid called Shottiswall of the yerelie valewe of xxvj^s viij^d and y^e barlie feld nye Snylbismore of the yearlie value of xx^s untill they shall have receyved of the same p^mysses after my deathe viij scoore powndē toward their mariagē after the rate of xij^{li} vj^s viij^d evye yeare that is to wytt to eyther of theym foure score powndē and the same money to be put into the kepinge of my sayd execu- to^{rs} to the use aforesaid so that there be a coffer remayninge in the howse of Bromall wth foure lockē for the assurance and kepinge of the same money and evy one of the sayd executo^{rs} to have a key of the same Also I wyll that Wyſſm Damppte my sone and hayre shall [have] y^e occupacōn and usuage of suche landē as I have given to my sayd daughters payenge for the same to John Damppte and Wiſſm Newton as apyth in a certaine dede to theym made And that the sayd John and Wiſſm shall make a leace to the sayd Wiſſm Damppte of the same landē duringe the sayd yearē Provyded alwayes that if the said Katheryn and Ellyn or other of theym discesse or they be maryed then such pte as belongeth to suche as shall discesse to remaine to my sone Wiſſm Damppte and his heirē

furthermore knowe ye all men y^t I have made Thomas Downes myne attorney to entre into the p^omysses and deli^ov possessyon therof to the sayd Katherin and Ellen accordinge to this my will And I constitute Robt Longley esquier Wyllm Damp^te my sone and heyre Thomas Aston esquier and Blanche my wyeff my true and lawfull executors &c. In witnes &c. These beinge witnes Robt Longley esquier Robt Huyde esquier John Damp^te of Widf^ord gen^t Thomas Werburton of Castell Norwiche S^r Rauffe Hulme chaplen Rog: Massie Arnold Hunt and others Provyded alwayes y^t if the sayd Katherin and Ellen or other of theym misorder theym selffe and be not maryed by thadvice assent and consent of the sayd Robt Longley Blanche my wyffe and Wyllm my sonne or two of theym that then this graunt of viij score pound^e to theym made to be voyde to theym or to other of theym y^t so dothe marrie or mysordre theym selffe.

The inventorie of y^e good^e and cattels of Wyllm Damp^te esquire decessed p^rs by Laurence Bothe Arnall Hunt Geo..... and Roger Danell xv die Novembr^e a^o r. r^e H. viij xxxiiij^o

Imp^rmis xij fate oxen and iij fate kye x^{li} — xxx draught oxen xx^{li} — xxj stirks vj^{li} vj^s — iij thrin^t bulloke and xxxiiij twin^t xij^{li} — xxxiiij wenyng calves iij^{li} — xxxiiij melch kye xj^{li} x^s — in corne by est x^{li} — in wull x^{li} — weders shepe now in Derrebyshire xj scoore and viij — of ewes in Darrebeshire xiiij scoore and vij — in lambe in Darbeshire fyve scoore xvj — in rames v — in weders now at Bromhall vj — in ewes at Bromhall iij — in rames at Bromhall iij — borres at Bromhall vj — in bife swine hoges and sowes xx^v — in shotte swine xx^v

Ifm in y^e whit chamber a feth^o bed a mattres and tow fustian blankets a wollen blanket a cov^olet a cont^opoynt a bolster on ye whele bedd a feth^o bed ij wollen blanket^e a cov^olet a cov^oenge of grene say a bols^t In the cloke chamber ij feth^o bed^e ij mattresses

viij blankette of wollen viij covlettes iiij bolsters iiij pillowes ij
 conpoynte ij bed covynge say In y^e bruhouse a mattres ij covlette
 In y^e chapell chamber ij mattresses iiij blankette wollen ij covlette
 In the plore chamber a feth⁹ bed iiij mattresses iiij covlette v wollen
 blanket ij bolsters ij pillowes In y^e yate house chamber a feth⁹
 bed ij mattresses iiij blankette iiij covlette a coveng a grene say ij
 bolsters ij pillowes Sir Wiſſm chamber a [sic] mattresses and
 blanket ij covlete The yomans chamber ij mattresses ij blanket
 iiij covlete a bolst In y^e stable chamber ij mattresses iiij covlete ij
 blanket In y^e chamber ov y^e buttery ij feth⁹ beds iiij mattresses
 vij blanket a quilt ij covlete iiij bolsters ij pillowes a conpoynt ij
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 quilt ij bolsters a coveng of old red say In y^e stoure house iiij mat-
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 clothes vij oth⁹ towels mo^r of Iryshe yorne xiiij oth⁹ round towels
 xvj fyn^e pillowes beres a pece of flaxen clothe uncut ij drabs of teir
 of heme a drab of new canvis an oth⁹ drab of new canvis In the
 hall seyven carpet quischōn In y^e skreene a greit voider of pewt ij
 bassens ij ewers of pewt a masselen bassen vj old carpet quishens
 iiij grene quishens In y^e chapell iiij old ewlow quishens ij andirons
 In y^e kechen ij great potte iiij oder brase potte a possenet ij fysch
 pannes ij fryeng pañes a dreping pane fyve iron broches ij iron
 galbarte ij brendrette a garnishe of London pewter vessell xvij
 brod dishes xij pottēgers xij salsers xv trankette ij potthooke a
 brasen mo^r and pestell ij chafing dishes a caldron an andiron ij
 barres for y^e same a gridiron In y^e daye house ij mylke lead ij a
 mylke pane of brasse a pewt bole a pewt dishe ij skellette v poot
 of but^t and a bawke of but^t In y^e bruhouse a greite furnes of

lead a lesse furnes ij brasse panes a lesse and a more In y^e bakehouse iij wort lead^e In y^e barkhouse fyve dikar and a half tanned In y^e butterie xvij sil^v spones a sil^v salt w^t a cov^d xvij chandlers In y^e pantrie a coffre and a half of tallow candels redie made In y^e wullhouse a pyle of wole cōteynynge threscore stone and ten iij stone and a half in ij grete wyscett^e of wolles in another wisket xxx pond of sponnen fyne wollen yorne in another wisket xx^d pound of spennen yorne Spennen yorne at y^e webst^r in one pece xxx pounds anoth^r pece at y^e webster xxiiij pound In anoth^r store house xxv teir of hempe slippinge xxij canvis slippinge x flaxen slippinge In hole cakes of rendred tallow and iij quarters of a cake and oder tallowe unmelted by estimacion &c. &c. [No amount given.]

THE WILL OF LAWRENCE ASSHAW OF SHAW
ESQUIRE.¹

IN the name &c. The fourthe daye of Julye m iiiij^e lvij I Lawrence Asshawe of y^e Shawe in y^e pishe of Flixton in y^e cōntie of Lancast^r esquire do bie these p^rsent^e &c. Furst I comēd my soule unto Almyghtie [God] my creature and makynge moste humble &c. I comend my bodie to cristen sepulchre wthin y^e pishe church of Flixton afore and I will y^t xx^d mark^e of my good^e shalbe bestowed and geven by myne executors toward^e y^e byeng of belles to y^e sayd pishe church of Flixton and makynge of a pclosse or trav^se of tymber ov^thaward y^e sayd pishe church requiryng y^e pishe preist and pishenars there to praye for my soule and all y^e

¹ No date of probate. He was a younger son of Lawrence Asshawe of the Hall on the Hill, and married Jane, daughter and heiress of John Valentyne of Shaw in the parish of Flixton. She died before her husband, and, having no issue, gave her lands to her husband, who left them to his nephew Leonard, a younger son of his brother Roger Asshawe of the Hall on the Hill. — *Harl. MSS.* 1987, fo. 2 and 5.

sowles of Elyn late y^e wiff of Sir John Bouthe knyght and of Sir Hughe Hope clarke I^tm I geve &c. y^e some of x mark^e to y^e suche byeng of ornamēt^te and of other necessities for y^e pishe church of Standishe as shalbe thought moste requisite and convenient by Edward Standishe esquire and my cosyne Tho^ms Ashawe by th^o discrecions I^tm I will y^t myne executors shall dispose and aft^r there discrecions the sūme of xl^s among the porest of y^e townes of Flixton and Urmeston and other xl^s among the porest of Barton Ekles and Irleh^m I^tm I geve &c. xx^s toward^e y^e pavyng of the highe waye in Flixton betwene y^e tithe barne and y^e church so that y^e inhitmēts of Flixton do bryng unto y^e grond as well stone and sand sufficient to make y^e pa^ment th^o as also to fynd a laboror to serve y^e paver whiles he shalbe at y^e paving y^of I^tm I bequethe y^e some of v marks toward^e y^e paving of any horse causey from y^e towne of Leighe unto y^e Sawt^t Butt^e in Bedford if it be not paid in my life time I^tm I bequethe unto my nephew Antony Ashawe tenne mark^e I^tm I bequethe to my nephew Leonard Ashaw tenne mark^e and a feth^o bed a mattresse a bolst^r a pillow ij blankettes ij kyne I^tm I geve &c. to George Pilkyngton sone and heire of Ri^c Pilkington¹ tenne mark^e I^tm unto Leonard Pilkington² broth^o of y^e sayd George tenne mark^e I^tm to Francis Pilkyngton broth^o to y^e sayd George tenne mark^e and to Janne Pilkyngton sist^r to y^e sayd Leonard and Francis fyve mark^e I^tm I geve &c. to John Shawe and Katherin his wiff dought^r to y^e sayd Ri^c Pilkyngton and to y^o children y^e some of x^{li} to be dividid among them I^tm I geve &c. John Crosse Alis his wiff and y^o children y^e some of

¹ Richard Pilkington of Rivington Esq. married Alice, sister of the testator. Besides his children here mentioned he had two sons, James and John, who were then exiles for religion. James Pilkington afterwards became Bishop of Durham, and founded and endowed the Grammar School at Rivington. He gave his brother John Pilkington a stall in Durham Cathedral, and afterwards made him Archdeacon of Durham. — *Strype's Annals*, vol. i. p. 371.

² The future Master of St. John's, Cambridge, Rector of Whitburne and Prebendary of Durham. — *Surtees' History of Durham*, vol. i. p. lxxix.

twentie pounde to be devidid among thē Ifm I bequethe to John Adlington sone and heire of Hughe A. fyve markē and unto Roger A. and Thomas A. yong^{er} brethren of y^e sayd John A. xlii betwene them Ifm I geve &c. to Lawrence Ashawe and Robert A. soñes of Wiſſm A. of Heathe Charnoke and to Jane dough^t of y^e sayd Wiſſm tenne markē to be devidid equally among them Ifm I will y^t evy tenñte w^{ch} I have inhabiting in Flixton shall have evy of them vj^e viij^d apece Ifm I geve &c. to Geffrey Darbyshire my ser^vnte xli Ifm I will y^t evy of my servantē shall have as well yong as old w^{ch} shall be inhabityng wth me in my house at y^e tyme of my deathe shall evy of them have xli apice of my gifte and legacie ov and beside such wagis w^{ch} I shall happen them to owe unto y^m sevally Ifm I geve &c. to George Lathome of Irelehm gen^t tenn markē and to Elisabethe some tyme his wiff of [*sic*] Lathome of Mosbarrowe tenne markē Ifm to Wiſſm Chorley gen^t ffyve markē Ifm where as y^e sayd John Grymsdiche gen^t dothe owe unto me y^e some of fortie markē I y^e sayd Larance do geve unto y^e same John twentie markē psell y^o of and will he shall retayne y^e sayd xx markē so to hyme bequethed in his handē in satisfacion of this my legacie to hym geven and shall be clerly acquitted for ev^y of and for y^e paymēt y^o of and I will y^t myne executors wthin as short tyme as convenyently y^e cane af^t my deceasse shall deliv^y unto S^r Riç Mullinex knyght S^r John Atharton knyght Gilbard Jarrad esquire John Grymsdyche gen^t and S^r Nicolas Warbarton chapleyn my feoffes or the survivores of them the some of xxli to be disposed among y^e pore accordyng to y^e tenor and intent of a certayne writtyng made by me y^e sayd Laurence and beryng date y^e first daye of Julie in y^e fourthe and fifte yeres of o^r sovaigne lord and ladie y^e kyng and y^e quene and y^t my sayd feoffes shall repaye unto my sayd executors the sayd some of xxv^{li} [*sic*] in forme specified in y^e s^d writtyng indentid &c. I orden &c. Edward Standishe of Standishe esquire John Grymsdiche of Grymsdiche John Mullinex

of Melling gent's George Birom sone of Adam Birom of Salford my executors &c. And I orden and make y^e right worshipfull Sir Wiſtm Ratliffe knyght and Robart Barton esquire supvisors &c. In witnes whereof &c. [No witnesses named.]

EXTRACTS FROM THE WILL OF ROBERT BECKE OF
MANCHESTER, DRAPER.¹

Dated the 17th of December 1556.

I Geve &c. to y^e pore people vj^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d and y^e same to be devided and bestowed apon y^e pore people by my executrix and executor as y^e shall thinke nedfull for y^e sowle Iſtem to my lovinge brother in lawe Riċ Hunt my best gowne my damaske cotte and my crosse bowe Iſtem to my brother in lawe Henrie Byrom my best clocke tow bowes and all and evy my arrowes Iſtem to my sister Elsabeth Hunt xij^s iiij^d Also to my sister Mary Byrom xij^s iiij^d Also to my sister Cicylie Becke xij^s iiij^d Also to my sister Anne Becke xij^s iiij^d And to my lovyng frend and kynsman Georg Byrch my second gowne Iſtem toward^e y^e amending of y^e high wayes about y^e towne of Manchester where myne executors shall thinke most nedfull xl^s Iſtem to y^e cuñdite in y^e M^oket strete at Manchester xl^s Iſtem to Wiſtm Radcliff gen^t my bet^t gardet coote Iſtem to M^r Massie my fath^o in lawe my white nagge Iſtem to my sone Thomas one ring w^{ch} my moth^o did geve me Iſtem to Jane my wiff [such] rings as she hath in hir keping To Tho^ms Birch my otter scynne cote Iſtem to y^e chappell of Garstang toward^e the bynge or makynge of a challis there xvjs^s viij^d.

¹ No date of probate.

THE WILL OF RICHARD WILBRAHAM OF
WOODHEY ESQUIRE.¹

IN the name of Almighty God Amen The xxvth daye off July. 1558 I Richard Wilbrah^m of Wodhey in the countie of Chest^r esquire callyng to remēbranc this frayle shorte and transitory liff and considering y^e tyme of death unctayne and to no mortall man knowen beyng at this p^sent tyme in good and pfette memory thank^e be to Almighty God do make this my last will &c. First and p^rincipally I bequeth and comyte my sowle to Almighty God my Creature and Savior besechyng y^e blessed Virgin o^r Ladie Saynte Mary and all y^e holie company [of] saynt^e in heaven to pray unto Almighty God y^t it will plese hym the rather thrughe y^o intercession y^t my soule may come and be in heaven amongst y^e blessed company y^o and my vile and wretched bodie to be buried wthin y^e church of Acton nere my fathers buryall and to have a marble stone layd o^v me to thentent y^t all well disposed people lokyng y^oon may y^e rather y^oby have occasion to pray for my sowle Also I geve &c. to y^e church wardens of y^e pishe church of Acton toward y^e repracions of y^e same church and to be prayed for xl^e and one canape for y^e sacramēt o^v y^e alter to be hanged in Also y^t xxiiij gownes be geven that is to wite xij y^o of to xij poore men and y^e other xij to twelve poore women y^e daye of my buryall to pray for my soule Also I geve &c. amongst the poore householders and others most nedie in y^e pishes of Acton Wrenbury Namptwicke Bunbury and Malpas in evy of y^e sayd pishes xl^e to be distributed

¹ No date of probate. The testator married Dorothy, daughter of Richard Grosvenor of Eaton Esq. He was Master of the Jewel House and of the Revels to Queen Mary, and in the three first years of her reign represented the county of Chester in parliament. — Ormerod, vol. iii. pp. 198, 199. See his brother's will, p. 58.

aforesayd as shortly after my deathe as conveniently may be in avoyding of any great dole of money at my buriall Also I geve &c. in like man^r amongst y^e pore people in y^e pishes of Wibunburie Copenhall Wistaston Ov M^rburie and Herthill to evy of y^e sayd pishes xx^s I geve &c. toward^e y^e mariages of pore maydens y^e full some of xx^{ti} pounds for y^t entent y^t y^e shall receive y^e same and maye the rather y^oby come to helpe and leve in v^rtue and honestie and pray for y^e soules of my fath^r and moth^r my soule and all xten soules and my will is y^t non of y^e sayd mayd^e other then suche as be of my kyne shall have above xx^s apece. [He then recites a deed dated the xix of September last, by which he had conveyed to Richard Egerton of Ridley, Knt., Alen Chorleton, clerk, Richard Gravenor and Thomas Clutton, lands in Edge with the tithe corn in the parishes of Acton and Wibunburie and the patronage and vicarage of Acton, for y^e use of himself during his life, and after his death to his son Thomas W. and to his heirs for ever, upon condition that] y^e sayd Thom^s Wilbrahm and his heres aforesayd do and shall yerely for ev^y pay unto y^e vicar of Acton and his successors sixe pounds thrittene shillyngs iiij^d at the vicorage aforesayed for and to y^t entent only y^t y^e sayd Vicar and his successors for y^e tyme beyng for ev^y by thadvice of my sayd sonne and of his heires lord^e of y^e sayd house of Wodhey and y^e wardens of y^e sayd church for y^e tyme beyng shall give and distribute y^e same quarterly amongst y^e pore house holders dwellyng wthin y^e sayd pishe of Acton, desiryng y^e same pore folkes to praye for y^e soules of my fath^r my moth^r my soule my wiff children brethren and sisters sowles and all xten soules As also oth^r six pounds thritten shillings and iiij pense yerely for ev^y to such honest prest to be appynted hereaft^r to praye for y^e soules aforesayd at y^e sayd church of Acton in o^r Ladie chancell And my will is y^t y^e sayd p^rste shall for ever teache schole and bryng up y^e children and youthe of y^e sayd pishe suche as will come unto hym wthout any

thyng y^ofore takyng and he and his scolers evy daye at y^e breakyng
 upe of scole to saye De Profundis a Patⁿ Nostⁿ and an Ave Maria
 for y^e soules aforesayd and evy yere y^e sayd prest y^e xvij daye of
 August to say masse of requiem and his scollers dirge for my fath^o
 and mothers soules y^e soules of y^e others before named and all xten
 soules Item I geve &c. all my leases &c. of Dernall and Shotwicke
 to myne exors for y^e terme of sixe yeres y^t y^e my sayd exors shall
 paye all my debts &c. and furth^o to paye yerelie to Wiffm Danyell
 gen^t my sisters soñe xiiij^l vj^s viij^d and to Thom^s Wilbrah^m gen^t
 soñe of Rauff Wilbrah^m decessed xl^s toward^e y^e fyndyng and
 kepyng them to y^r lernyng at ane Inne of Cowrt To Richard Liv-
 sage my sisters soñe iij^l vj^s viij^d onlesse in y^e mene tyme he be
 p^rferred to some livinge of xx mark^e by yere Also I geve &c. to my
 3vant^e Wiffm Gilford and John Capper to eth^o of them xl^s yerely and
 to John Flete and Rondull Flete to eth^o of thē xx^s and to John
 Wilbrah^m my uncles soñe yerely liij^s iiij^d If I geve &c. to evy of my
 [sic] doughters of my sist^r Danyell^e and of my sist^r Lyvsage one
 garnishe of pew^rl vessells To evy one of y^e yong^e sones of my sayd
 sisters y^e foresayd Wiffm Danyell and Riç Livsage onely excepted
 xl^s apece Also I geve &c. amongst y^e doughters of my nephew Riç
 Done decessed toward^e y^o marriage xx^{li} To Elisabeth Orton xl^s To
 Riç Wilbrah^ms mother of Bryndeley xiiij^s iiij^d To Riç Gleggs wife
 vj^s viij^d To Rondull Wilbrah^m sone my godsone x^s To the soñes of
 Rauff Betteley and Tho^ms Penk^e my godsonnes to eth^o of them
 vj^s viij^d To Riç Clutton soune of Tho^ms Clutton my godsone x^s To
 evy of my serv^unts w^{ch} late were my brothers serv^unt^e and now
 dwellyng at this house of Wodhey iij^s iiij^d My will is y^t James
 Hancky my serv^unt shalbe kep of Shotwike pke duryng his [life]
 and to have for his wagis xl^s by yere grass for vj kye iiij yong
 bests and a nage yerely he using himself to them whom by this
 my testamēt shall have y^e lease of Shottwicke like as ane honest
 serv^unt be put in such trust ought to do Where James Roo was

surtie unto me for Rauff Knight for paymēt of iiij^{li} I do forgeve y^e same dette to y^e same James Iſm I geve &c. to Elisabeth Wilbrah̄m my base dought^r threscore pound^e toward^e hir mariage and if she do not mary Hughe Bromley then my will is y^t she shall have o^v and besid^e y^e sayd lx^{li} all such money as I payed to Wiſſm Bromley y^e fath^r of y^e sayd Hughe in likewise toward^e hir mariage w^{ch} I think is xxxiiij^{li} To M^ogaret wife of Wiſſm Alen of Bryndeley xx^{ti} mark^e and also all such money as y^e sayd Wiſſm oweth unto me Iſm I geve &c. to Riç Flete my ſvānte xxvj^s viij^d by yere And further I geve to Dorithie my wiff my best bed wth app^rtennc^e y^o to belonging my better hanginges at her choyse y^e half of all suche napery ware as I have y^e half of all such kechine stuff and pew^t vessell as I have one chayne of gold beyng in hir kepyng and by me before to her geven a ring of gold wth a turques and a ryng of gold w^t a diamond y^e whitte silv^r spones w^{ch} my fath^r in lawe by his testamēt gave unto me also one fayre jugge of stone garnyshed wth silv^r and gilte Iſm I geve to y^e forsayd Thom̄s Wilbrah̄m my sone y^e rest of all my houshold stuff and plate my chayne of gold a horne garnyshed wth silv^r and gilte a longe wood knyfe guilte somtyme Kynge Henrys theighte and also my fayre andirons w^{ch} my mynd and will is shall remene as heire lomes at y^e house of Woodhey Also I geve &c. to my sist^r Whitmore a ring of gold wth letters one y^e outside enamyled a broche of gold of themprors face and one of my coolt^e or nagg^e To my sist^r Danyell a ring of gold w^t an amitiste To my sist^r Li^vsage a ring of gold w^t a broken ribie To my sist^r in law M^ogaret Wilbraham a round hope ringe of gold graven wth luken and to my cosen Thom̄s Danyell one new crosbowe and y^e racke y^o of To my cosen Wiſſm Li^vsage one of my gownes of silke and ane old long bowe To my cosen Rauffe Done one of my gownes of silke To my cosen John Done's soñe [some] of myne apprell at the discrecion of myne executors Iſm I geve to my cosen Henry Manwaring one of my younge mares or filies now beyng in Nor-

folke To Robarte Cotton my old s^vannt somme younger colte or gelding To my cosen Hill my wood knyffe at y^e courte and one of y^e best of my gelding^e To my cosen pson of Stocke my casket at y^e courte To evy of my owne servāts in wagis there yeres wagis and some of my colt^e or nagges at y^e discrecion of my executors I^fm I geve &c. to my cosen Wi^flm Li^vsage and to my cosen Thom^s Clutton to eth^o of them vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d if y^e will take some paynes in y^e trust I put y^{em} in I^fm I geve &c. to Alis Egarton my wiffes mayd towards her mariage liij^s iiij^d I^fm I geve &c. to John Graven^h and Anthony Graven^h my wiffes brethren to eth^o of them one of my silke gownes I^fm I make Dorithie Wilbrah^m my wiff my sist^r Ellisabeth Whitmore widowe my cosen Wi^flm Li^vsage and my cosen Thom^s Clutton myne executors In witnes hereof &c. Richard Wilbrah^m Item I geve &c. to Sur Wi^flm Cordell knyght mast^r of ye roles and to my ladie his wiff to eth^o of y^{em} iiij angels to make to eth^o of them one gold ring where apon to be graven a dead man's head wth this posie about y^e head — Disce mori — and my name about y^e same ring^e for remembrance and further I do appoynte my lovyng cosen S^r Rondull Hill to be o^vseer of this my p^sent testamēt &c.

Richard Wilbrah^m.

I^fm where I have purchased to me and my heres y^e vicora^g of Sandebache and all y^e tiethes oblacions &c. to y^e vicorage belongyng together w^t y^e nomynacion p^sentacion and donacion of y^e same vicorage I do acknowledge y^t I bought y^e same vicorage tiethes &c. to y^e use of my nephew Wi^flm Li^vsage and payd w^t y^e same wth xx^{li} of his w^{ch} of him I receved for y^e same p^pose as I remēber I saved hym of y^e sayd xx^{li} v^{li} In consideraciō whereof I geve &c. y^e sayd vicorage of Sandbache and all y^e tiethes &c. to y^e sayd Wi^flm Li^vsage and to y^e heires of his bodie lawfully begotten and for defaulte &c. I will geve &c. y^e remander y^o of to y^e heires of y^e bodie of Rauff Li^vsage esquire decessed fath^r of y^e said Wi^flm lawfully begotten

and for defaulte &c. I will &c. y^e remander y^o of to Thom^s Wilbrah^m my soñe and heire apparant and to his heires and assignes for ever &c. If I will furth^r y^t myne execut^r repaye to hym y^e said some of v^{li} which I saved unto hime as beforesayd Rondull Treves Thom^s Clutton Withm Gilford John Capper.

THE WILL OF WILLIAM THOMSON, RECTOR OF
ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE.¹

IN the name &c. The second daye of September in the yere of o^r Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth fyftie and three and in the fyrst yere of y^e raygne of o^r so^vagne ladie Marie &c. I Wilh^m Thomson clarke and pson of y^e churche of Asheton und^r Line of gud and pfecte remēbrance but dreadyng y^e unctene houre of death make my last will and testamēt as hereaf^r followyng ffyrst I offer my soule to Almightye God beyng in pfect hope and fully trustyng by the meryt^e of Christis passion to be one of the electe at the daye of judgmēt Also I will my bodie to be buried in the church of Aston in the highe cancell streghte affore y^e myddest of the highe al^r and I geve to y^e mendyng of the same church and to the mendyng of thing^e nedfull y^o in iiij^l vj^s viij^d to be deliv^d by my execut^r to the churche wardens at such tyme as the churche wardens ned and will occupie the same money and also I geve to y^e mendyng of y^e highe waye betwyxte Ashton and Manchest^r xx^s I geve to be distributed and devided amonge the pore people of

¹ On the 2nd of October 1535 William Thomson was presented to the Rectory of Ashton-under-Lyne, on the death of Edward Molyneux the last Rector, by Alexander Radclyffe and Richard Assheton knights, and Thurstan Tyldesley Esq. with the consent of Elizabeth Assheton widow. — From the Registers at Lichfield. His successor William Rogerson was instituted 11th August 1554 on the presentation (*pro hac vice*) of Thomas Stanley Knt., son of Edward Earl of Derby. — Registers at Chester.

y^e pishe of Ashton und^d line v^{li} and it to be devided and delte
 in wollen or linen clothe or els money to y^e pore folk^e only by my
 execut^e I geve to y^e mendynge of the highe waye betwixe Asshton
 and Staveley bridge x^s I geve to James my broth^o a riall of gold
 for a remēbrance and a feth^o bed a mattres ij cov^olet^e ij blaukett^e a
 bolst^o ij payre of shet^e ij pillowes and a cov^oyng of imagerie and ane
 oth^o of red saye wth y^e curtens bedd and bedseller w^{ch} bedde and
 thes thyng^e aforresayd lie and are in y^e highe grete chamber where-
 in I lie my self and also my cont^o bourd in y^e haule wth a grete
 coffer in y^e litill plore and also foure sil^o spones also a blake
 jacket of blacke clothe y^e daye of buriall To my sist^o in law his
 wife a blacke gowne wth an angell of gold and to ev^y child y^t my
 said broth^o James hathe vj^s viij^d To Lawrence my broth^o a riall of
 gold and a ffeth^o bedde lyeng in y^e great plore a mattresse ij cov^o-
 let^e ij blanket^e a bolst^o ij payre of shet^e ij pillowes a cov^oyng of red
 saye wth y^e courtens and hangings bedstock^e and bedseller of y^e
 same and also my cont^o board in y^e great plore wth y^e cubp bourd
 in y^e sayd plore and y^e best coffer in y^e highe grete chamber and
 also iiij sil^o spones and a blacke jacket of fyne clothe y^e daye of
 my buriall To my sist^o in law his wife a blacke gowne with an
 angele of gold and to ev^y child y^t my broth^o Laurence hathe vj^s
 viij^d To Ri^c Thomson my broth^o a riall of gold and also a feth^o
 bedd lyeng in y^e litle plore a mattres a bolst^o ij cov^olett^e ij blanket^e
 ij payre of shet^e ij pillows also my cov^oyng of lynne and wollen
 yorn chekket w^{ch} I bought last also y^e bedstock^e bedseller^e and
 hangyngs of the same bedd in y^e litell plore and also my cuppbourd
 in y^e highe grete chamber and my coffer in y^e same chamber
 wherein I use to laye in my shet^e for my owne bedde and foure
 sil^o spones and also a blak jacket of fyne clothe y^e daye of my
 buriall and to my sist^o his wife a blak gowne wth an angell of gold
 and to ev^y child y^t my sayd broth^o hathe vj^s viij^d To my sist^o
 Genet xl^s and a black gowne and to my brother in law her husband

a blak jacket and a riall of gold To my sist^r Katherin y^e wyf of Peter Standishe xx^s and my litill feth^o bedd in y^e closite a matrese ij cov^olete ij blanket ij payre of shet^e a bolst^r ij pillowes a cov^oyng of red saye wth y^e bedstids curtens and hangyng^e of y^e same and also y^e gretist panne y^t I have but one also my best cloke but one and ij sil^v spones y^e one of them to be y^e spone w^{ch} my fath^r gave me and also a blak gowne of cloth y^e daye of my buriall and to Peres Standishe hir husband a blak jacket wth a riall of gold To M^r Thom^s Houghton a riall of gold To M^r Edmund Hopwod a riall of gold To M^{res} Hopwod his wife a riall of gold and ij sil^v spones Also I geve my uncle Henry Bastwell xx^s and a blak jacket y^e daye of my buriall To my cosen Adam Rigbie xx^s and a blake jacket y^e daye of my buriall To my cosen Ri^c Thomson y^e sone of Laurence Thomson sexe pound^e xiiij shilling^e iiij^d a blake jacket if he be at my buriall To John Cocke my serv^{ant} xx^s my best wolsted dublet and a blak jacket y^e daye of my buriall and to Sethe Aspyⁿhalgh my serv^{ant} iiij pounds in money and a blake cowe and a blak jacket y^e daye of my buriall if y^e dwell wth me y^e tyme of my death To Johan my s^rv^{ant} xx^s and ij yeard^e of flaxen clothe if she dwell wth me &c. To Elisabethe Harrope xl^s toward hir mariage and a cowe if she dwell &c. To Annes Cutteler xx^s if she dwell &c. To Wi^llm Knyght my godson xx^s to gett hym a m^o if he dwell &c. Also I geve Ri^c Coke my godson xx^s and a heffer or a twenter To S^r Ellis Asshworthe an old riall of gold To ev^{er}y one of my godchildren my blessing and viij^s To Nicolas Leghes my proctor a riall To Henry M^oland a riall of gold To S^r Peter Bower my scole m^o at Standishe xl^s and one of my jacket^e and a dublet To Agnes Cutteler a cow or a heffer if she dwell &c. To Ri^c Bastwell and Thom^s Bastwell my cossins eth^o of them xiiij^s iiij^d To Edmond Harrope and his wife eth^o of them a riall of gold To James Harrope an angell of gold Also yt is my will y^t y^e daye of my buryall so much white cloth be brought to make xiiij white gownes

and those to be geven to xiiij pore men to bryng my bodie to y^e church and to praye for my soule aboute my herse y^e daye of my buriall and linen clothe to make xxiiij shert^e and those to be geven to xxiiij pore folk^e to pray for my soule The residue of my good^e aft^r y^t I ame brought fourth my bequest^e geven and my dett^e payed I will shalbe devided in ij pt^e and y^e one half to be devided amongst my brethren James Lawrence and Ri^c Thomson and oth^r my pore kynsfoulk^e and y^e oth^r half I will shalbe geven to y^e porest people to praye fore my soule and all christen soules Also I make James Lawrence and Ri^c Thomson my brethren my executors Also I make Thom^s Asshton of Shepley gen^t and Nicolas Leghes supervisors These beyng record^e S^r Edward Hepp S^r Ellis Asshwerthe prest^e with others.

THE WILL OF GEORGE BOOTH OF DUNHAM ESQ.¹

IN the name &c. The sexte daye of October y^e yere of o^r Lord God a thousand fyve hundreth xxxj I George Bothe of Donnh^m Massie in y^e countie of Chest^r esquire hole in mynd and somewhat deceassed in bodie cōsideryng y^t y^e lif of man is mortall and that y^e houre of death is unctene and much dredfull willyng y^ofore to be in a redines whē it shall please God o^r Savior to call

¹ No date of probate. The testator, son and heir of Sir William Booth by his first wife, Margaret, daughter and coheirress of Sir Thomas Ashton of Ashton-under-Lyne Knt., married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Butler of Bewsey Knt., and had issue three sons, George, John, and Robert; and seven daughters — Ellen, who married in 1537 John, son and heir of John Carrington of Carrington Esq.; Anne, the wife of William Massey of Podington Esq.; Margaret, the wife of Sir William Davenport of Bramhall; Elizabeth, in 1566, married Richard Sutton of Sutton Esq.; Dorothy, the wife of Robert Tatton of Withenshaw Esq.; Alice the wife of Peter Daniel of Over Tabley Esq.; and Cicely who died unmarried. See her Will, p. 49. He died in 1531, aged 40 years. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 402.

for me from this transitorye world orden and make my last will &c. ffirst I bequeth my soule to Almightye God to o^r Ladie Saynte Marie &c. and my bodie to be buried in Ihus chappell at Bowdon church among myñ ancestors Also I geve &c. to y^e prior of Birkenhed my best horse to praye for me in as much as y^o is a statute made y^t he can have no corse p^sant Also I geve &c. at Birkenhed aforesayd ten shillyng^e to saye a trentall of masses for my soule Also I geve &c. to y^e p^ror and y^e freires at Warington ten shillyng^e to saye a trentall of masses for my soule I^tm to y^e same p^ror of Warington toward^e y^e gildyng of o^r Ladie iij^s iiij^d Also I will y^t my best gowne of velvet and my best dublet shall be made in tow vestimēt^e and y^e one of y^e sayd vestemēts to be geven to y^e sayd chappell of Ihus at Bowdon church and y^e other vestemēt to remene in y^e chappell of Dunnh^m for ev^y to thentente y^t it maye be a remēbrance to praye for my soule Also I geve &c. unto George Both my sone and heire apparant my cheine of gold and my signet of gold to thentent y^t he shall have y^e same duryng all his lif and aft^r his decese y^e same chene and signet to remene to suche as shalbe heres to y^e sayd Georg and so to continue as an heire lome to suche as shalbe heires and lord^e of Dunh^m for ev^ymore I will y^t y^e sayd George shall have a bord covēd wth the best bord cloth in y^e hale wth my best salt and my best standyng coppe and a dosen of my best spones and all oth^r houshold stuf like as I had aft^r y^e decesse of my fath^r as heire lomes and furth^r y^e sayd Georg shall have of my good^e as shalbe semyng to my execut^r Also I geve &c. to ev^y one of my servānt^e w^{ch} byñ gen^tmen and taken for my yomen y^o wagis in money for one hole yere aft^r my decesse ov^r and besid^e such wagis as y^e shall happen to have servet for in my lif y^t y^e may pvid them selves for some oth^r service Also it is my will y^t my chaplen S^r John Percivall or some oth^r discrete p^rist shall say masse praye and do devyn service for my soule and myne ances-tors and all xten soules by y^e space of vij yeris nexte aft^r my

decese and he to have for his salarie yerely iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d Also where as Rowland Bukkeley of Bewmarres esq̄re and oth^r surties wth hym standeth bounden to me by se^vall obligacions for y^e mariage of my soñ George it is my full mynd and will y^t myñ execut^r shall have y^e sayd obligacions and receve y^e money for them accordyng at dayes and place in y^e same assigned and as y^e shalbe due to be payed and wth my porcion of y^e same money and my porcion of y^e residue of my movable good^e before not bequethed I will y^t myn execut^r shall make all my funeral^e expensis and also pforme my legacies and bequest^e and shall susten all such cost^e &c. as y^e shall fortune to susten for y^e fulfylling of this my last will and where as I y^e sayd Georg Bothe of grete confidence by my dede indented beryng date y^e xvijth daye of Julie y^e xxij [xxvij?] yere of Kyng Henre y^e viijth have infeoffed my broth^r in law John Massie of Podington esquire John Carryngton of Carryngton esquire Withm Mayre of Meyr Richard Legh of Hegh [Legh] esquire Riç Legh of Swarton gentilman and Withm Plūtr clarke parson of Wotton in my man^r of Dunh^m Massie and in all my meas^s land^e tenēt^e rent^e and vic^e in Dunh^m Massie Statley Bolyn Deyn Roe Stiall and Wilmeslowe in y^e contie of Chester and also in all my mess^s land^e &c. in Groton Shelderslowe and Quicke in y^e contie of Yorke and in Birmingh^m wⁱⁿ y^e contie of Warwike as by the same dede indented whereunto my will concernyng my sayd man^r meas^s land^e and tenēt^e is annexed more plenly dothe appe^r It is also my will y^t my execut^r wth my porcion of y^e same so^mes of money to me owyng by y^e s^d Rolland and wth y^e residue of my sayd good^e shall susten all such cost^e as my sayd feoffes shall susten for eny thyng cōcnyng my sayd feoffamēt and save harmeless evy of my sayd feoffees for the same Also furth^r it is my will y^t my sayd execut^r with my porcion of y^e sayd so^mes of money &c. [as before] shall cōtent and paye all such so^mes of money as it shall fortune me y^e sayd Georg Bothe to be indetted to any pson at y^e tyme of

my deceasse if my sayd movable good^e and somes of money &c. so far will extend and if y^e will not extend y^o unto then I will y^t so much as y^o of shall lacke shalbe taken of thissues rents and pfitte of my sayd man^{or} mess^{es} &c. comp^{sed} in my sayd feoffemēt excepte y^t all such somes of money w^{ch} I shalbe endetted at y^e tyme of my descease to my sayd broth^o John Massie or to my cosyn John Sutton for y^e mariag^e of my doghto^{rs} Anne and Elisab^y shalbe payed and taken of the issues &c. of my sayd man^{or} meas^{es} &c. oōp^{sed} in y^e sayd feoffamēt, and also excepte xx^{ti} marks of money to be payed of thissues and pfitts of my sayd land^e in Jesus chappell w^{thin} xl dayes next aft^o my decese of [*sic*] Jane now wif of Lawren^c Bothe accordyng as appereth by my will annexed to my sayd ded endentite also I bequeth toward ye makyng of y^e side ile of y^e church of Bowdon at such tyme as it shalbe taken down fyve mark^e of money also I will y^t evy of myn execut^{re} y^t y^e shall truly see for y^e pformacion of this my last will and for y^o payn y^o in to be taken shall have xl^s also it is my will y^t myn execut^{re} shall have y^e ward and charge of Anne Arderon dought^{or} and heire of John Arderon decessed and also y^t y^e sayd execut^{re} shall have all such tackes and leases w^{ch} I have of my brod^o Andrew of his land^e in Sund^oland as of all oth^o psons in all other places and all such pfette w^{ch} shuld coñ of y^e same to me toward^e thexhibicion and bryngyng upe of my younger dought^{re} also I will y^t Etisab^y my wif shall have all y^e porcion and pte of my sayd movable good^e cattels and dette as shall stand and accord^e wth y^e law of this realme I desir and p^{ry} and also orden and make y^e sayd Etisab^y my welbeloved wif Ri^c Legh of Hegh Leghe Ri^c Leghe of Sworton gen^t and Wi^{llm} Plū^{tr} clarke to be myñ executore also I desyr and praye y^e right worshipfull M^r Dane John Sharp p^{or} of Birkenhed to be ovseer of y^e same to whom I bequethe fore a token a ring of gold The residue of all oth^o my good^e detts cat-tells &c. if any shall remene I geve &c. to my execut^{re} toward^e

y^e bryngynȝ upe of my yonger childreñ and furth⁹ to be disposed in dede of almes and charitie for y^e helpe of my soule as shalbe thought convenyent by my sayd execut^r In witnes whereof I y^e sayd Georg Bothe in this my p^{re}sent testamēt &c. have set my seale &c. the daye and yere above wretten.

THE WILL OF THURSTAN TYLDISLEY OF WARDLEY
ESQUIRE.¹

IN the name &c. I Thurstan Tyldisley of Wordly in the countie of Lan^{re} esquire do make my will and testamēt the first day of September in y^e first yere of y^e raigne of o^r sovaigne lord King

¹ No date of probate. He married first Percival, daughter of Geoffrey Shakerley of Shakerley Esq., by whom he had, besides other children, Alice, wife of Sir Robert Worsley of Boothes Knt., and Thomas, who married Jane, daughter and heiress of Hugh Birkenhead, marriage settlement dated 26th October 10 Henry VIII. Sir Thomas Tildesley (grandson of the above Thomas) of Gray's Inn, Attorney General for the County Palatine of Lancaster and one of the learned Council of the North, married Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Norres of Orford near Warrington. He died in 1635, leaving one son, Richard, who survived him four years, and two daughters eventually coheiresses by the death of their brother without issue, Elizabeth, wife of Edmund Breeres of Preston, barrister at law, and Anne, who married first Thomas Southworth of Samlesbury Esq., and secondly Adam Mort of Preston.—*Suffield MSS.*, and *Dodsworth's MSS.* vol. liii. p. 15. The testator married secondly Jane, daughter of Ralph Langton, Baron of Newton, by whom he had three daughters, Mary wife of Ralph Standish of Standish, Anne, wife of Richard Massey of Rixton, Dorothy, wife of Richard Breerton of Worsley, and one son, Edward, who, marrying Anne, daughter and heiress of Thomas Leyland of Morleys Esq., was the founder of a family devotedly attached to the ill-fated race of Stuarts. Sir Thomas Tildesley of Morleys, Major General to the brave Earl of Derby, was killed in Wigan Lane 25th August 1651. His great-grandson Edward Tildesley joined the Pretender's cause at Lancashire in 1715, for which he was tried at London and acquitted. His son James Tildesley took part with Prince Charles Edward in 1745, and there is a tradition in the neighbourhood of Astley that he in consequence lost his estate. This can hardly be correct, as he did not sell Morleys until 1755, and was in possession of Holcroft

Edward y^e sixt in manⁿ and forme ensuyng first I bequeth my soule unto Almighty God my bodie to be buryed in Eccles Church if I die wthin y^e countie of Lan^c at y^e hedd wheras Charles Davenport lieth and I will y^t a chapell of my gud^e and chatteles and of thissues and pfitt^e of my said farmes of Myrescoche Sawerbie Gosenarghe and Pulton shalbe made whereas y^e bodies of me and the said Charlis shall remene when y^e king or sovaigne lord or any oth^r shall bulde the chancill of y^e said church of Eccles if in my lif tyme I do not make y^e said chappell Also I will y^t Jane nowe my wif shall have duryng hir lif y^e lodge in Myerscoghe to dwell in duryng hir pleasure if myne interest y^o endure so long wth all manⁿ of my implements of houshold y^o at this daye remenyng and ioestemēt^e of xvj kyne and y^o calves yerely y^o and ioiestment for iiij horses y^o yerely and y^e crope of iiij acres of haie ground such as she will chuse and y^e goyng and ioestment of so many swyne as she will kepe y^o without anything yelding or painge y^ofore and further I geve &c. to hir y^e third pte of all y^e residue of all my beddinge hanging^e contpoynt^e and shet^e and all oth^r my implemēt^e of houshold^e at Wordley or els where remenyng my plate excepted And I desire hir to leve at y^e leaste half of so much stufe as I shall geve hir or y^e value y^o of aft^r her decease to Edward Tildisley my sone and heire if he ov^r live hir And I geve to hir my standinge coppe of silv^r wth y^e cov^r my best salte wth y^e cov^r and my white pece of silv^r and xij of my best silv^r spones wth the litill clocke acrudall wth all my chapell stuf at Myrescoghe wth a like desire y^t she shall leave y^e half or y^e value of y^e half to Edward Tildisley And I bequeth to my said wif all my titill y^t I have in y^e tithes of Layrbreeke Litill Ecclisten y^e Wale Bethum Hall and Grenall and I desire my said wif to leave y^e whole titill y^o of to my

Hall at the time of his death, as appears from his will, dated 8th February 1765, and proved at Chester 23rd April 1768. See *Lancashire Memoirs of the Rebellion in 1715*, p. 221, and the *Jacobite Trials at Manchester in 1694*, p. lxiv.

said sone Edward aft^r hir deithe Also I geve &c. to my sone Thom̄s Tildesley all my chapell stuf at Wordley a goblit of silv^r wth a cov^t about wth scripture for ane heire lome one dosin of new spones all my formes bord^r coffars bed stockes and also such pte of my bedding and y^e residue of my said implemēt^e of household stuf remenyng at Wordly And it is my will y^t my said sone Thom̄s aft^r his death leve such good^e or y^e value y^o of as he shall hapen to have by force of this my will to him y^t shall be his heire and so to remene from heres to heres so long as it shall please God and y^t my heire shalbe of habilitie and power to leave such good^e in forme abovesaid And further I geve &c. to my said sone Thom̄s all my intrest I have in y^e shepe heys of Pilkington and all y^e tithe of Tildisley aft^r my wiff^e death or aft^r y^t she shall not dwell at Wordley and so long as she dwellith at Wordley I geve &c. to her my titill I have in y^e same tithe of Tildisley and I will y^t my s^vunte Wiffm Worsley shall have of thissues and pfitt^e of my farme of Bolton yerely duryng his lif xl^s if myne intrest indure solong I bequeth to y^e said Wiffm Worsley y^t he shall have y^e tenemēt in Swinton called Barnes tenemēt and also y^e tenemēt in Hawghton y^t W^m Orphar dwellith in imediately aftar y^e decease of y^e said Wiffm Orphar paying to me and my heires y^e old accostomed rent and to me and my heires for y^e fyne of y^e said Wiffm Orphar's tenement xl^s and to y^e execut^r of y^e said Wiffm Orphar liij^s iiij^d in iij yeres for a new house y^t y^e said Wiffm did buyld y^o upon I will y^t y^e said Wiffm Worsley shall have both y^e said tenemēt^e for terme of his lif he doyng such sarvice as other tēnts do and aft^r his death I will y^t his wif shall have y^e said ij tenemēt^e during hir lif and so long as she kepith hir widow and is of onest cōvsation of hir bodie and I will y^t my s^vnt Myles Seddon shall have yerely duryng his lif off thissues and pfitts of my said farmes of Meyrescoghe Sauarbie Gosenarghe and Pulton xxvj^s viij^d beside such yerely pfitt^e as he y^e said Myles shall receve by force of a lease to hym made by my

cosin Andrew Barton and me of y^e tithe of Litill Leyver in Bolton
 pishe w^{ch} I thinke is clerely and yerely worth to him xl^s and I will
 y^t Thom^s Gelibrond have yerely duryng his lif of thissues of my
 farme of Mayrescogh &c. xxvj^s viij^d for such 3^{ve}ice as he hath done to
 me, and the said Thom^s shuld have had more yerely tynn [?] but y^t
 I thinke y^t he had more yerely pfite elsewhere and ptly by me and
 for my sake Also I will y^t xx^{li} be taken by my execut^re of the issues
 &c. of my farmes of Myrescogh &c. to be distributed among oth⁹
 my 3^{ve}nts not havyng non oth⁹ thing by force of this will and he y^t
 hath des^{ve}id most to have most by y^r discrecions Also I will y^t
 Withm Walton and Rondull Bordman shall have such 3^{ve}icis officis
 and romes as y^e have usid to have of me y^e doying y^r duties and sar-
 v^{ic}is as y^e used to do for me and as I trust y^e will do for me Also I
 bequeth to ev^y of my execut^re and supervisors liij^s iiij^d and my
 desire is y^t y⁹ shalbe no discord among my executors about my
 gud^e but y^t y^e will conferme them to quietnes and to be ordred by
 y^e supervisors if such contravarsie shuld so happen for I wold rath⁹
 wishe y^t my gud^e were brent and consumyde wth fire or any such
 contrav^{ic}ie shuld continue amonge them aboute my gud^e or about
 y^e playne understanding of this my will and forsomuch as cvj^{li}
 xvij^s iiij^d was behind and unpayd unto Ri^c Breerton my sone in
 law y^e daye of y^e deathe of my soninlaw o⁹ and beside xx^{li} to be
 payd unto hym duryng his father's lif I will y^t xx^{li} yerely shall [be]
 levied of my said farmes of Myrescoghe &c. untill cc m⁹ks shall [be]
 levied unto Dorithie dough^t of me y^e said Thurstane¹ Parre shall
 my lif tyme do not marie y^e said Dorathie w^{ch} Ri^c Breerton died y^e
 xxij daye of August last past Also I will y^t my cosin Thurstan Parre
 shall have yerely during his lif xx^s also I will y^t my cosin George
 Tildisley theld⁹ shall have yerely duryng his lif xx^s Also I bequeth
 y^t [? to] my cosen Robt Worslei y^e young⁹ y^e some of x m⁹ks and
 notwithstanding y^t my sone in lawe S^r Robt Worsle knight is m⁹ried .

¹ This incomplete sentence is copied verbatim from the Bishop's Register.

to M^ogerit Bethum his wif yet levyng yet I remyt and p^odon to him vij^{li} x^s apon condicion y^t he geve yerly unto my dought^r Alis his wif vi^{li} or more for hir exhibicion duryng hir absens from him or apon condicion y^t he take his said wif into his company and in-treat hir as he ought to do And furth^o in dischargd of my cōsience I will y^t my execut^re shall take [from] thissues of my said farmes of Meyrescogh &c. y^e some of xxij^{li} and y^e same to [be] bestowed apon hieghewayes and oth^r ded^e of charitie for y^e soule of John Garnet deceased of whose gud^e I have as much as y^e same doth amount unto and more Also I bequeth toward^e y^e byulding of y^e church of Eccles if it be not bylt in my lif and a rode seller made y^e some of ten m^oks And whereas my son in law Rauf Standishe esquire deceasid I do think y^t by y^e lawes of y^e realme y^t my dought^r Marie who he exposid [espoused] ought to be myⁿyst^r of his gud^e and forsomuch as c^otene of his plate remen^yg in y^e custodie of my cosin Edward Standish his broth^o amouⁿtig to y^e value of xx m^oks and y^e timb^r and brike at Standishe belonging to hir yet my desire is y^t she shall not cley^m any pte y^r of and furth^o I will y^t he shall have y^e gilt goblet wth y^e cov^o and forsomuch as I do verily thinke y^t y^r was nev^o carnall knoledge betwene y^e said Rauf and my said doughter Marie as well by y^r tend^o yeres and y^t y^e nev^o laye togeth^o and y^t I do think y^t y^e said Edward and she myght be lawfully m^oyed togeth^o by y^e lawes of God wherein I have askid couⁿsill gret lernid men who thinke y^e same y^ofore I geve my gudwill of y^e said m^oyage if y^e said Edward and Marie can be agreable to y^e same when he and hir be of thage of xix yeres or xxth ould for I wold rath^o wishe y^t she shuld be married to him y^en to any oth^o Also I bequeth to my son in law Ri^c Massie esquire a gilt goblit wthout a cov^o Also I bequeth to George Entwissill who hath m^oyed my wiff^e dought^r my litill goblit of sil^o Also I will y^t my execut^re [receive] y^e residue of y^e pfitte of my said farme of Pulton and pay y^e said clere yerely value to Hugh

Tildisley George T. Gilbert T. Thõms T. and James T. sones unto my sone Thõms T. for vij yeres after my decease and equally devid y^e same amongst them I geve &c. to my said son Thõms T. and to my cosen Thurstan T. his sone my whole interest in my said farne of Pulton and I will y^t my broth⁹ S^r Riċ T. shall have yerely aft⁹ my decease an anytie of iiij m⁹k⁹ duryng his lif of y^e issues and pfitt⁹ of my said farmes of Merescoghe &c. in recōpence of his anytie or lands geven to him for terme of his lif for y^e said S^r Riċ was a muncke at y^e Chart⁹ house at Shine And where I have made an estate of land⁹ unto Jane now my wif of my cheif place of Wordley wth all my demene except y^e Foxholes and the teñnte of Gilis Moreton and [a] 2tene anyttie of xxix^s goyng fourth of my said land⁹ unto Jane now my said wif w^{ch} anytie wth my chefe house w^t all my demene land⁹ was of old rent but xij^{li} and now it is worth xxv^{li} and because I wold y^e said Jane buried wth me where I die if she o^vlive me y⁹fore I made cheif house wth as much of my demene land⁹ as I can to hir for terme of hir lif w^{thout} impechment of wast and if she kepe house at Wordley aft⁹ my deith yen it is my mind y^t as many of Thõms Tildisleyes children as be under y^e age of xij yeres old y^t my said wif shall bord them for xxvj^s viij^d apece and himself and his wif for v m⁹k⁹ apece and as many of his servñt⁹ as he will have for xl^s apece and when any of his children shalbe of thage of xij yeres then to paie xl^s apece alwayes pvided y^t ye said Jane my wif shall have y^e libertie to chuse whether she will bord them or any of them y^r or no and if so be y^t y^e said Jane bord them then it is my mynd and desire y^t y^e said Thõms T. shall set y^e said Foxholes and y^e tenemēt of Giles for xxix^s in y^e yere And where I have made an astate of land⁹ to Edward T. my son of y^e teñnte of Riċ Dañeport James Money and Adam Mather about y^e value of x m⁹k⁹ it is my will y^t y^e said Edward shall take y^e rents y^rof and suffer thē to do such 2vice unto y^e said Thõms Tildesley as y^e have byn

accustomyd to do to me and y^t he shall not put them furth of y^r holdinge Also it is my will y^t Wiffm Shak^oley shall have an aũuyte of foure m^ok^e by me heretofore geven to him for terme of his lif Also it is my will y^t my said son Tho^ms T. and his heres shall have all y^e residue of all my land^e tenemēts rent^e rev^sions and ſvices beyng of myn inheritaunce &c. according to my old evydenc^e for ev^o And where I have byn a grait mediller of a long space y^t is to saie by y^e space of xxxj yeres and more under my lord and m^r Edward erle of Derbye my lord his fath^o and my ladie his moth^o whose soules God p^don and bene ¹received [*sic*] of y^o land^e for y^e most pte by y^e same space wherefore in declaracion of y^e truth I take it apon my death and consciens and as I will answe^re before God y^t wittingly in all y^t space y^o is nothing comen unto my hand^e or possessōn of y^o land^e rent^e fynes or engresions reward^e or oth^o thing^e but such as I have truly paid for and put in my bok^e of accompte wthoute fraude or coven and wthoute corrupt consciens or advantage to my self to my knoledge I geve &c. unto my sone Edward T. my whole interest &c. in Myrescoghe Sou^bbie Goseⁿghe Pulton my farmes of ye tithe of Fesshewicke wth y^e keping [of] Myrescoghe and Blesedale and y^e offis of M^r forest of Amounderⁿs and fees belonging to ev^y oⁿ of thē during all my terme and interest in thē Also it is my will y^t my said sunes Thomas T. and Edward T. shall not take any ingression and fynes &c. but only y^r rent of my teñnt^e in Tildesley Asley and Wordley but suffer thē to inioye y^r fermehould^e duryng y^r liffes doyng such ſvices as y^e have usid to do to me and also it is my will y^t my said son Thom^s shall not take any ingression &c. of any of my teñnt^e in Swinton Haughton Westwood^e and Westlak^e M^oland Salforth Lever Bolton Kellernaugh but suffer them to inioye y^r said farmes hold^e duryng y^r lives And I make my wel-belovid wif Jane T. and my son Edward T. myn executors and harteley beseeche y^e righte honerable Edward erle of Darbie S^r

¹ Receiver.

Wiffm Paget lord Paget S^r Wiffm Longley pson [of] Psttwch S^r Riç Johns pson of Waryngton S^r Edmond Molineux knight S^r Riç Garrard pson of Bangor and Laurence Asshall to be supvisors and I desire my welbeloved ðvañts W^m Warton Mylis Seddou Rondull a Bordman and my welbelovid frend Thoñs Gillibrond shall instruct my said execut^re in my booke of rekenyng^e and in all oth^r thing^e yt maye touch y^e true executiō of my will Also I bequeth to Jane Massie xl^s and to Anne Massie xiiij^s viij^d and to M^ogeret Tildisley x^{li} toward^e y^r mariage And forsomuch as I dout S^r Peres Lighe knight will move myne execut^re to make him assignmēt or lease of my farme of Winwicke I will y^t y^e shall nev^r mak to him any assignmēt or lease of my said farm but kepe it to thē selves according to y^e will of Gouth^o Leghe esquire Also it is my will y^t if my son Thoñs T. truble my said wif but [do not] suff^o hir peassablie to injoye y^e land^e y^t I have geven to hir y^t thē y^e said Thomas T. shall forfayt all my lands y^t I purchased and suff^o Thurstan T. my cosin to en^t apon y^e same so y^t y^e said Thurstan mak non astate of y^e said Thoñs T. but will hould y^e said land^e for his owne use and if he y^e said Thurstan make any astate or suffer y^e said Thoñs T. to have y^e said land^e I will y^t y^e said Edward Tildisley shall have y^e said land^e to him and to his heires for ev^r And where I have geven &c. heretofore in this my present unto my dought^o Dorathie Breerton cc m^oks it is my will furth^o y^t my said dought^o Dorathie shall have yerely aft^o y^e decesse of Jane my wif viij^{li} unto such tyme as y^e said Dorithie have some livyng of greter yerely value In witnes thereof &c. Witnesses S^r John Atherton knight Robert Worsley Laurence Asshawe Georg Tyl-disley Thurstan Parre Thoñs Bryddocke wth others M^d that y^e xxiiij day of June in y^e sixte yere of y^e reigne of our sovaigne lord Edward the sixte Thurstan Tildesley esquire acknowledgith this to be his true testamēt and last will before these witnesses here after followyng S^r John Atherton knight Robart Worsley Laurence

Asshawe Georg Tyldisley Thurstan Parre Thom̄s Bryddocke wth others.

A trwe inventorie of all the goodes &c. at Wordley latelie app-
teyinge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquier made the iiij daie of Julie
anno Marie regine p^{mo} and praysed by Edmunde Slade Charles
Hoope Robert Edge and Wiffm Richardson ffirste in drawghte
oxen xvj le p^{ce} le yocke iiij^{li} — xxiiij^{li} — one bull xij^s iiij^d — in
kyne xvij p^{ce} le cowe xvij^s xiiij^{li} xij^s In kepinge sheepe Cij^v le
shepe xvjd xij^{li} vj^s viij^d — in fatte shepe xxx le shepe ij^s iiij^d — iiij^{li}
xx^d In lambes iij^v xij le lambe xij^d iiij^{li} xij^s In tithe lambes iij^v
le lambe xij^d iiij^{li} ij^s In workhorses xj le horse xij^s iiij^d vij^{li} vj^s viij^d
In calves xvij le calf ij^s iiij^d lvj^s viij^d One rydinge geldinge called
Stoweser liij^s iiij^d — ij rydinge mares iiij^{li} — xvj hogge v^s iiij^{li} — xij
sowes xlvij^s — viij boovers xxxvj^s viij^d In speninge xij xij^s In wull
xlvj stoone v^s xj^{li} x^s Beddinge In fether beddis xxj le peece xij^s x^d
xiiij^{li} xj^s In mattressis xiiij le peece v^s vj^d ob iiij^{li} xvij^s viij^d In bol-
sterris xl le peece ij^s iiij^d vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d In pillowes covd with fus-
tian xvj le peece xx^d xxvj^s viij^d In other pillowes xxv le peece ix^d
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blanckettē lxxij le peece xx^d vj^{li} In fledge blanckettē ix le peece xij^d
ix^s In quilte ij le peece ij^s x^d viij^s vj^d In covlettē lvij le peece iiij^s
iiij^d ob xij^{li} xiiij^s ij^d ob In counterpentē for bedde of tapstree worke
v le peece xvij^s iiij^d iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d In covyngē of reede seye and
greene iiij le peece iiij^s ij^d xvj^s viij^d — viij cases of canves fylled wth
straw le peece xij^d viij^s In the litle chamber one seller and tester
of reede and greene seye wth curtens of the same xij^s iiij^d Soo-
muche greene seye as dooth hange the same chamber xij^s iiij^d
One standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde xxvj^s viij^d — one cup-
borde wth a covyngē of greene sey xij^d — a seller and tester of reede
and greene seye wth curtens of the same in the grete chamber xx^s
a hoole hanginge in the same chamber of reede and greene seye

liij^s iiij^d — a standinge bedde wth a trowkle bed in the same chamber xxvj^s viij^d — one cuppebord covered wth blwe xij^d — a seller and tester of reede and greene sey in the chamber o^v the hall wth curtens of the same xvj^s — a hoole hanginge of reede and greene sey wth in the same chamber xl^s — a standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde in the same chamber xx^s — a rounde cupborde wth a covynge tapstre work and a folden bord in the same chamber xiiij^s — one seller and tester in the chamber o^v the deyhrowse of reede and greene sey wth curtens of the same x^s — hanginge for the same chamber of reed sey xiiij^s iiij^d — a standinge bedde wth a trowkle bedde xx^s — a cuppebord wth a covynge of seye vj^d — a seller and tester of reede and greene sey in the wrighte chamber wth curtens of the same vj^s viij^d — one seller and tester painted work in the same chamber wth hanginge for the chamber of the same v^s — a cuppebord wth a covynge tapstre worke in the same chamber iiij^d — a carven chiste for sheete in the same chamber x^s — ij paire of beddestocke in the same chamber v^s — a seller and tester painted worke in the corner chamber wth curtens reede and greene sey iiij^s — hanginge for the same chamber painted work iij^s iiij^d — a standinge bedde and a trowkle bedde v^s — one cuppebord iiij^d — in the chamber o^v the buttrie one seller and tester of painted work wth curtens reede and greene sey iij^s iiij^d — a hoole hanginge for the same chamber of reede and greene seye x^s — ij pair of beddestocke in the same chamber ij^s — a cupbord wth a covynge tapstre worke iiij^d — a seller and tester in the olde chamber of painted worke wth curtens of lynnyn cloothe iij^s — ij chiste bounden wth yrne in the same chamber xv^s ij paire of beedestocke in the same chamber ij^s — a seller and tester of dorneck in the chapell chamber wth curtens of the same iij^s iiij^d — hanginge for the same chamber of reede and greene sey xiiij^s iiij^d — ij paire of bedde stocks in the same chamber ij^s — a cuppebord wth a coveringe tapstree work xij^d — in the under pler a seller and tester reed and greene seye wth

curtens of the same xvj^s — pcell of the same chamber hanged wth
 painted clothes xx^d — iij paire of beddestocke in the same chamber
 iiij^s — a large chist bounden wth yrne in the same chamber v^s — a
 cupbord in the same chamber ij^d — the carvers chamber ij sellers
 wth testers painted worke ij^s — in the same chamber iiij paire of
 bedstocks iiij^s — one cuppebord wth a covinge tapstre work iiij^d —
 in the infn carvers chamber one seller wth ij testers painted work
 xij^d — in the same chamber iij pair of bedstocke ij^s — in the yate
 howse chamber one seller and tester painted worke xx^d — in the
 same chamber ij pair of bedstocks ij^s — in the Charlis chamber
 one seller and tester of greene sey wth curtens blwe and reede iij^s
 viij^d — in the same chamber ij pair of beddestocks ij^s — in the
 meydins chamber one paire of beddestocke and a tester lynnyn
 cloothe xvij^d — in George Tyldisleys chamber a seller painted work
 and a pair of beddestocke xvij^d — in the garn chamber ij sellers and
 testers painted ij^s — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestocke
 ij^s — in the chamber in the stable ende one seller and tester painted
 work viij^d — in the same chamber one pair of beddestocke xij^d —
 in the chamber ov the stable ij paire of bedstocke ij^s — in the
 cookes chamber and the brwers ij pair of beddestocke ij^s — xiiij
 quissions v^s The 3vant laborers beddinge vj covlett le preece ij^s
 xij^s — in blanchett vj le peece xij^d vj^s — one bolsterre xij^d — viij shetis
 vj^s viij^d Thinge in the buttrie and pantrie xvj barells x^d xiiij^s iiij^d — ij
 hogyshedd ij^s — xxiiij brasse chandillers le peece xij^d xxiiij^s — vj
 drinckinge cannes of wod xij^d — iij lycqre pottes of stoone xvij^d —
 ij smale stoone pott ij^d — one candilsticke at the goinge uppe into
 the chamber ov the hall and another at the kichyn doore viij^d —
 one basson and ewer iij^s — one voyder xx^d — one pantrie knyve ij^d
 — three doosen of trenchers of wod iiij^d — ij pewter basson xvj^d —
 Plate one goblet wth a cov apointed for an heyreloome xix ounces
 and D at iiij^s viij^d iiij^h xj^s — one other litle white goblet wthoute a
 cover viij ounces at iiij^s viij^d xxxviij^s iiij^d — one standinge cuppe

wthoute a cov^{ij} xiiij ounces at iiij^s viij^d iij^{li} v^s iiij^d — ij gilte goblett^e
wth a cov^{ij} lviiij ounces at v^s xiiij^{li} x^s — one gilte salte wth a cov^{ij} xij
ounces and a D at v^s iij^{li} ij^s vj^d — one other white salte wthoute a
cov^{ij} ix ounces at iiij^s viij^d xlij^s — one other new square salte gilte
wth a cov^{ij} xv ounces and D at v^s iij^{li} xvij^s vj^d — one drinckinge
stoone potte wth a cov^{ij} of sylver gilte and garnished xx^s — xiiij sylver
spones wth the image of God apon one of them and the imag^e of
xij apostells apon the others xxiiij ounces at iiij^s viij^d v^{li} xij^s — xij
other spones xxij ounces and D at vj^s vj^{li} xv^s — xij other spones
xv ounces at iiij^s viij^d iij^{li} x^s — one white peece viij ounces and D
at iiij^s viij^d xxxix^s viij^d Thing^e in the hall and the pler a hanginge
ov^{ij} the benche in the hall of reede and greene sey wth a covyng^e of
reede sey for the benche vj^s A brasen candilstick^e wth three light^e
in the hall ij^s — a candill chiste iij^s — ij longe syttbord^e one
shortebord and iij formes ij^s viij^d — in the pler ij carpett^e tapstree
work viij^s viij^d — a curten in the pler wyndowe of reede and greene
seye ij^s — ij cuppeberd covyng^e whereof the one tapstre worke and
the other reede and greene seye vj^s — one longe bord one cuppe-
bord one folden bord and iij formes ix^s — xij cheris iiij^s Thing^e in
the kechyn and the larder vij brasse pott^e vj^s viij^d xlvj^s viij^d — one
caldroone of brasse xij^s iiij^d — ij smale pannys ij^s viij^d — ij chafinge
dishis ij^s — a mortar and a pestell v^s — one chawser [or chawfer]
for water ij^s — ij frienge pannes xx^d; v spitte x^s — ij pair of yrne
galberts v^s — one brendirne vj^s viij^d — ij cressett^e and ij grydirnes
iiij^s — iiij paire of tong^e and ij breede graters xx^d — ij yrnes for
the oven mouthe and a firefork ix^d — a dressinge knyfe ij backinge
knyves ij mynsinge knyves and three other smale knyves xiiij^d —
one skymm⁹ one brasyn ladill one fleshe axe and one flesshook
xvj^d — xix broode pewter dishis xxv^s iiij^d — xviiij narroo dishis xij^s
— xij soosers and vj potingers vij^s — iij saltinge tubbe ij leede ij
stound^e one water tubbe and one almere xxxj^s viij^d Thing^e in the
brwehowse and backhowse one greete ark xiiij^s iiij^d — one lesser

arck and one botinge arck vij^s — ij hodgyshedde for verge ij^s —
 one stoone mortar and a pair of mustard stones xij^d — ij decions
 and a modinge bord xvj^d — vij salte tubbis ij^s iiij^d — one masshinge
 keyre v^s — one guylinge keyre v^s — one colebathe ij^s iiij^d — one
 grete leede xij^s iiij^d — iiij grete stonnde and ij essions v^s iiij^d —
 Thinge in the stoorehowse ij leades for soope vj^s viij^d — xvj yarges
 of white kerssey xxj^s iiij^d — Thinge in the deyhowse and wassing
 howse ij greete pannes of brasse xl^s — one lesser panne and a
 prigge panne ij^s x^d — ij brendrethis ij^s — v milke trowghs and v
 essions xx^d — ij milke pales and sex pigan^e v^d — one charne one
 turnell and one stond xvj^d — iiij chessevat^e and vj mugg^e x^d — a
 gredle to bake apon and a spitle xiiij^d — ij keyris and one stonnd
 ij^s ij^d — one maslen panne xij^d — Thinge in my marstris closet
 xlij broad dishis iiij^{li} iiij^s — xxx naroo dishis xl^s — xix soosers iiij^s
 vij^d — vj potingers ij^s — xij plates ij^s — one quarte potte and ij
 candilstick^e of pewter xij^d — one chiste bounden wth yrne ij^s viij^d
 — one bassen and ewer ij^s iiij^d — Thinge in the chapell — one
 chalishe wth a patente xx^s — one vestement one albe and one ames
 vj^s viij^d — one massebooke and one manuell ij^s — ij bellis one
 cruet one table ij al^l clothes ij curtens for the end of the alters
 one clocke xxxvj^s viij^d — too wax candilstick^e ij^s — Naperie and
 shet^e ij diaper bordclothes xx^s — x flaxen bordclothes xxxvj^s viij^d
 — xv rounde bordclothes xx^s — xxiij diaper napkins xxiij^s —
 xxxviij flaxen napkyns xix^s — sex large cuppebord clothes fringed
 x^s — iiij naroo cuppebord clothes iiij^s — ij diap towells x^s — ix
 flaxen towells ix^s — ij armige [?] towells v^s — xix paire of broode
 flaxen shet^e xv^{li} — xlj paire of nro flaxen shet^e xiiij^{li} — xxxv pair
 of canves shet^e lv^s — xxxv pillowe coveringe xxxv^s — Thinge in the
 kylne and the garb ij wyndooshet^e ij^s — xij sack^e vj^s — one heare
 ij^s — one hulpe ij^d — sex siff^e vj^d — Implement^e for husbandrye ij
 corne weins ij mucke weins ij torve weins xj^s iiij^d — sex paire of
 whelis whereof ij pair shodde xxix^s iiij^d — vj harowes x^s — sex

plowes wth foure paire of yrnys viij^s iiij^d—vij yrne teemis viij^s—iiij pair of clevis xvij^d—viij yook^e iiij^s—ij muckecarts iiij^s—one cloose carte vj^s viij^d—viij pair of treys iiij^s—vj coolers iiij^s—viij packe saddill^e vij^s—iiij marle pick^e ij^s—one mattack xij^d—one ax viij^d—v spad^e and shoes ij^s—iiij yrne fork^e ij^s—iiij nogers viij^d—one crowe of yrne xvj^d—iiij sithis iiij^s—viij hook^e and sicklis ij^s—iiij torve spad^e xvj^d—iiij saighis iiij^s iiij^d—iiij trunck^e ij^s—ij weyne ropis ij^s—ij tent^e xx^s—Hydes and fellir unpaid for in the custodie of Xpōfer Mather vj oxe hydes xxxvj^s—ij kyne hydes x^s—xliij sheepehyd^e vij^s viij^d—ix calf skynnes iiij^s Cornes unthres-son at Wordley and Pilkington in the workehowse xl mett^e barlie xxx^s—in the whete berne l mett^e barlie xlj^s viij^d—in the same berne iiij hulpis rie iiij^s—in the ote berne xx siff^e ot^e iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d—at Pilkington l hulpe barlie xlj^s viij^d Cornes growinge at Wordley and Pilkington at the saides plac^e xxxvij acres ot^e xxiij^{li} xij^s iiij^d—viij acres barlie viij^{li}—iiij acres whete at Wordley iiij^{li}—one acre and D rye at Pilkington xxx^s—Frenche whete iiij roode land x^s—Dett^e w^{ch} were owinge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquier W^m Singleton for cornes growinge in hervest anno¹ quarto r. r^e Evi vij^{li} viij^s—Thurstan Tyldisley of Radcliff xj^{li} ij^s vj^d—Sr John Atherton xvij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d—George Kirkbie iiij^{li}—weste in Pilkington l^s—weste in Myrescoghe xj^{li}—Master Hollande of Clifton v^{li}—George Halghe x^{li}—owinge for weste in Wordley xix^s iiij^d—owinge by my lorde of Derby Cij^{li} xix^{li} ix^d—Sir Thomas Standley knight xiiij^{li}—my Lorde for portage paide to the receyver of Lancashir for ij yeris iiij^{li}—behynde for rente due at mydsom⁹ last besyde anuytes graunted by the saide Thurstan T. to Thomas T. Edward T. and W^m Shakerley xx^{li} xvj^s ij^d ob—behynd for turbarie in Wordley and Tyldisley xxvij^s v^d ob—Dett^e owinge by Thurstan T. esquier first to Elizabethe Leighe in thaccomplishment of the will of Gowther Leighe decessed xx^{li}—to

¹ 4 Edward VI.

Thomas Leyland esquier as aperethe by three severall obligacōns C^{li} — to Katheren Monne as apereth by the dette booke of the saide Thurstan xvj^{li} xij^s iiij^d — to John Traves for blancke xxij^{li} xij^s iiij^d — to George Traves ut sup^a xx^{li} xj^s — to George Pendilton ut sup^a vj^{li} x^s — to Nicholas Shawcrosse ut sup^a viij^{li} iiij^d — to George Kirkbie xxvj^s viij^d — to my Lorde w^{ch} hathe beene rec^d for the creacion of his yerldoome for ij yeeris $\frac{xx}{iii}$ ^{li} — for rente of Burscoghe behynd xxj^{li} vj^s viij^d — to my lord w^{ch} the saide Thurstan geve hym by a bill of his hande xvij^{li} vj^s viij^d.

A true inventorie of all the goodes and cattells remeyninge at Myrescoghe and latelie pteyninge to Thurstan Tyldisley esquier made the iiijth of Julie anno Marie Regine primo &c.

In draughte oxen x le peece xxxvij^s xix^{li} — ij bulles xvij^s xxxvj^s — xvij kyne xvij^s xvij^{li} ij^s — in stalfedde oxen xlvj^s viij^d iiij^{li} xij^s iiij^d — oxen putte to feede at Sancte Elyn daie xij xxx^s xix^{li} x^s — kyne putte to feede at the same tyme xj xx^s xj^{li} — iiij milke heyfers xvj^s iiij^{li} iiij^s — too oxe thrynters xx^s xl^s — viij twynters xij^s iiij^d v^{li} vj^s viij^d — xxiiij stirks vj^s viij^d viij^{li} — v steers xxx^s vij^{li} x^s — xxj calfe iiij^{li} x^s — ij workehorses iij^s iiij^d vj^s viij^d — one rydinge geldinge called Worsley liij^s iiij^d — one feele of iij yers age xx^s — one feelie ij yers age xij^s — one yerninge xij^s iiij^d — one other yerninge and one nagge xxxiiij^s iiij^d — Beddinge in fetherbedde x xv^s vj^d vij^{li} xvij^s — in matressis vij vj^s xliij^s — in bolsterrē xjx iij^s lvij^s — in pillowes xiiij xv^d xvij^s vj^d — in blanckettē xxxix iij^s iiij^d iiij^{li} xj^s — covlettē xxxj iij^s iiij^d v^{li} iij^s iiij^d — one counterpointe tapstre work vj^s viij^d — ij covyngē reede seye vj^s — one coveringe greene sey iij^s iiij^d — in the chamber beyond the chapell chamb^r one seller wth a tester painted worke wth curtens lynnyn cloothe iij^s — in the same chamber one cuppebord wth a covyngē blue cloothe ij^d — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestockē ij^s — in the chapell chamber one seller and tester y^e seller blue and greene sey and the tester painted work xij^d

— hangings for the same chamber painted work xij^d — a cuppebord in the same chamber wth a covyng tapstre work iiij^d — ij paire of beddestocke in the same chamber ij^s — in the greete chamber ov^r the halle one seller wth a tester and curtens for the same of reede and grene sey vj^s viij^d — hanginge for the same chamber of reede and grene cloothe ij^s viij^d — a cuppebord wth a covyng reede sey in the same chamber iiij^d — one chiste in my M^r his clooset iij^s viij^d — ij pair of beddestocke in the same chamb^r iij^s — in the entrie at the goinge into the greete chamb^r ij greete chist^e x^s — there remeynethe in the garⁿ ij newe standinge bedde ij trowkle bedde carved xl^s — in the chamber ov^r the kechyn one seller painted work and one cupborde viij^d — in the same chamber ij paire of beddestocke xx^d — in the same chamber ov^r the larder one seller and tester wth curtens of dorneck vj^d — one cuppebord wth ij pair of beddestocke in the same chamber xvij^d — in the forther chamber in the garden one pair of beddestocke xij^d — in the nerer chamber in the garden iiij pair of beddestocke iij^s — in the chamber called M^r Rigmeydens chamber ij pair of beddestocke ij^s — in the workesvunt^e chamber jx paire of beddestocke vj^s — in the chamber ov^r the brwehowse ij paire of bedstocke xvj^d — iiij quissions iij^s — viij cheris ij^s viij^d — one longe bord in the chamber ov^r the hall x^d — Thinge in the hall hanginge for the hall painted work v^s iiij^d — one longe sytteborde one cuppebord and one forme ij^s — Thinge in the pler hanginge for the pler painted work xij^s iiij^d — one carpette iij^s iiij^d — one longe bord one cuppebord and one forme ij^s — one coveringe for the same cupbord grene cloothe ij^d — Thinge in my maistris closet xx broode platers xxx^s — xij disshis of a lesser sorte xij^s — in naroo disshis vj iij^s — in broode dishis graven iiij iij^s viij^d — in naroo dishis graven xij x^s — in soosers graven xij iij^s — iiij other soosers xx^d — iiij potingers ij^s — Thinge in the chapell a chalishe wth a patente xx^s — one vestement iij^s iiij^d — one albe xx^d — one ames and one stocale iiij^d — one massebooke vj^d — ij tapers and ij torchis ptelie brent one saincte Johns hedde

xvjd — one altercloothe iiij^d — one brasen bucket a pax a cruet a grete
 bell and a lesser bell and one gyrdle ij^s viij^d — Plate jx olde sylver
 spones ij^s viij^d xxj^s — Thinge in the buttrie xij alestonndes x^d x^s —
 vj barelle for beere viij^d iiij^s — viij brasse candilsicke iiij^s — one
 basson and ewer xx^d — one voyder xvjd — one canne of wod jd —
 one lyverie potte ij^d — one shavinge basson vjd — one glasse ij^d —
 Thinge in the larder iiij saltinge tubbis x^s — ij barelle for verge
 [verjuice] xij^d — ij barells for salte xij^d — Thinge in the kechyn iiij
 brasse pottes iiij^d xvjd — one caldroone vj^s — one grete panne vj^s —
 three prigge pannes ij^s — one chafynge dishe viij^d — one mortar wth
 a pestell ij^s iiij^d — one freynge panne vjd — one cresset xij^d — one
 fleshooke ij^d — one paire of choppinge knyves iiij^d — one spytte ij^d —
 on fleshe ax iiij^d — iiij pair of tonge viij^d — one brendyrne wth ij
 barres of yrne vj^s viij^d — one paire of galbyrnes iiij^s — one fyrefork ij^d —
 one ession ij^d — ij grydirnes viij^d — iiij broade pewter dishis ij^s viij^d
 — iiij naroo dishis xvjd — vj soosers xiiij^d — Thinge in the brwhowse
 ij brwinge leede xx^s — too brwinge keyris x^s — one bootinge knappe
 iiij^d — ij decions viij^d — one ession and a collack iiij^d — one candill
 ark viij^d — one backstoone and one spetill vjd — Thinge in the day-
 howse ij brasse pannes viij^d — one prigge panne iiij^d — ij essions
 and iiij galande x^d — ij milke trowghis ij bassons iiij chessevatē ij
 butter trowghis xiiij^d — iiij piggins iiij^d — one stonnd one charne and
 one saltinge ession xiiij^d — one brendrethe xij^d — iiij buttr pottē one
 piggan ij yerthen pottē and one seighe vjd ob — Naperie and shetē iiij
 paire of flaxen shetē of ij breedē x^s xl^s — xvij paire of flaxen shetē
 iiij^{li} x^s — xxvj paire of canvas shetē iiij^{li} jx^s iiij^d — xvij pillowe beers
 jx^s — iiij flaxen bordclothes vj^s viij^d — vj round bordclothes vj^s —
 xxv bord napkins vj^s viij^d — ij flaxen towelle ij^s — ij large cupbord
 clothes fringed viij^s — three other cuppeberde clothes flaxen iiij^s —
 one paire of lynnyn curtens ij^s iiij^d — Implemētē for husbandrie ij
 corneweyns ij mucke weyns ij torvewenis one tumbrell cowpe xiiij^s
 — ij plowes and iiij paire of yrnes vj^s viij^d — vj teemys and ij pair of

clevis vij^s — vj yok^e and ij of yrne ij^s iiij^d — iij paire of whelis
 xiiij^s iiij^d — iij harowes vj^s viij^d — iij sithis iij sicklis and one
 hooke iij^s — iij spad^e and one shoole xij^d — one cuttinge ax iij
 noge^r and one chissell xvj^d — one hoomer and one paire of pynser^e
 iiij^d — one torvespade ij^d — vj pair of tight^e and ij weneroop^e iij^s
 iiij^d — ij packe saddill^e ij^s — ij yrne muckefork^e one muckehoke and
 ij pitche fork^e xvj^d — ij yrne wedge and one framing saye xx^d —
 Thing^e in the kylne and garth iij grete arck^e viij^s xxiiij^s — ij wyn-
 dooshet^e xij^d — xj seck^e vj^s viij^d — vj siffis vj^d one heare ij^s viij^d —
 Swyne vij hogge iiij^s xxviij^s — ij sowes viij^s — one boore iiij^s — xiiij
 spennige xvj^d xvij^s viij^d — Cornes of Myrescoghe and in other plac^e
 behynde Ribbill — in otes sawen at Mirescoghe xiiij acres xiiij^s iiij^d
 ix^{li} vj^s viij^d — ij acres of barlie xx^s xl^s — ote unsold in Sawerbie
 berne xxvj siff^e iiij^s v^{li} iiij^s — xij mette of barlie in the same berne
 xj^d xj^s — the cornes of Pulton solde and unsolde $\frac{xx}{iii}$ ix^s viij^d — xix
 stoone of wull wthin the same pishe iiij^s viij^d iiij^{li} viij^s viij^d — the
 cornes of Fyshewicke viij^{li} ix^s iiij^d — the cornes of Hale and Bethum
 vij^{li} iiij^d — Behynde for the tithe cornes of Shinglehall late in the
 occupacion of Antonie Leyton lij^s vj^d — Behynd for wull and lambe
 in Gosenargh pishe xlvij^s j^d — the cornes of Litle Eccleston doe
 amount to v^{li} xvj^s x^d — the cornes of Esbrecke doe amount to
 xj^{li} ix^s v^d.

[Signed] Withm Kenyon.

TESTAMENTUM GEORGII WIMISLEY IN LEGIBUS
BACC.¹

ꝑbatū corā Maġro Johe Hanson &c. xxvj Februarii mccccclx°
[1560-1.]

IN the name of the Father and of the Sone and of the Holye Goste three psons and one God Amen The xxvjth day off Januarye in the yeare off owre Lord God secundum computacionem Ecclesie Anglicane a thowsand fyve hundrethe and three score and in the thryd yeare off the reygne off Queene Elyzabethe I George Wymysley bachelor off the law being off good and pfect remēbrāce (God be preysed) but sumwhat ponished wth his gentyl rodde off correction by sicknes qui dat intellectū that knowing the comon fawlt off all mākynd quod cōstitutū est omnibus mori the day howre tyme and place unto us most uncerteyne and therffore admonyshed by owre Saviowr Christe vigilare and to be in a redines calling also to remēbrance the message doñe by the pffet off God and browght to good Kynge Ezechyas — Dispone domui tue quia morieris — being a passenger in thys stormye and mutable world by the space off eyght and ffyfte yeares at this p̄sent doe make my testamēt and last wyll as hereafter ensueth ffyrst and principal I cōmend and be-

¹ George Wylmysley or Wilmalow or Savage, illegitimate son of George Savage, Rector of Davenham, was brother of John Wilmalow Archdeacon of Middlesex, and half brother of Bonner the Bishop of London. He was appointed Chancellor of Chester in the time of Henry VIII., and, though a priest, he married. During the reign of Edward VI. he conformed to the changes then introduced. In 1555 he condemned to the flames George Marsh the Martyr, a native of Dean. At the accession of Queen Elizabeth, by complying with the altered state of things, he retained his office of Chancellor and other emoluments, and dying in February 1560-1, finished his disreputable career avowing in his last will his adherence to the Church of Rome. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 527; Strype's *Mem.* vol. iii. part i. p. 173; *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. i. p. 23.

quethe my sowle to the handes off almighty God desyringe the blessed Virgin Marye mother off owr Lord Jesus Christ withe all the whole celestial companye to prey ffor me that I may be one off the elect and chosen to heare that most blessed and joyfful voyse Venite benedicti patris mei throwghe the merites off Christes passion my Saviowr and Redemer And that I by the assistannce off Goddes grace do not hearafter and especiallye at the howre off my deathe do not swarve ffrom the unitye off the ffeythe off his katholicke and apostolicall church w^{ch} now I doe beleve in my hert and p^fesse w^t my mowthe by these p^rsent^e my bodye to be buried in christian buryall at the discrecion off myne executrix w^t also the moderate charges off my ffuneralle And that there showld no stryeff nor variance aryse betwixt my children or anye other ffor my goodes w^{ch} to the world wold be slanderous that the were evyll gotten seing that hitherto I have to my power traded and brought up my childrē in virtue and learning to my great costes and charges and intend by Goddes grace so to doe during my lyffe wherewithe the owght off righte to be cōtented and accept that ffor there portion off gooddes althoughe I lefft none other thinges to theme as I trust I wyll ffor the ffatherlye love the showld beare unto me And under the payne off ingratitude and the losse off those thinges wiche I shall hearafter bequethe them whosoever off them is abowte to vexe moleste or troble myne executrix or otherwyse to alter or enfringe this my last wyll Therffore consarning my goodes I wyll bequethe and leave all and singular the same w^t dettes catalles howshold stuffe and all other that is myne at the tyme off my deathe saving soche as I wyll bequethe heareafter to my deare beloved wyffe Elleyne she to have and enjoy all this same during her naturall lyffe to the meynntenāse off her poore howse and ffynding off her comen childrē to learning as ffar ffowrthe as her power wyll extend and to the p^rffarmēt off her dowghter Jones mariage iff she be not helpē by me in my liffe tyme the remeāder off all suche goodes after the decesse off my seyde wyffe

to suche owr comē childrē equalle to be devided amongst them w^{ch} at that tyme are not p^rferred to anye lyving or p^rmotion spirituall or temporall saving alwayes that suche legacyes as I appoynt especialle hereafter shall come in no devision but the partyes whome I assigne after the desesse off my seyde wyffe to have there severall bequestes and legasies w^{ch} are these To my eldest sone Thomas syxe off my best sylver spoones and syxe other off the meaner sort wth a salt and cover off sylver and a sylver pease ij ffether beddes ij matarasses or quilke beddes wth the bolsters blankettes therto appteyning and my second best covering w^t ffowr peyre off sheetes two standing beddes w^t there sylinges and the second best carpet ffor the table w^t all the hengginges in the howse or chambers except those w^{ch} hereafter I wyll despose sixe platters off the older sort and sixe off the newer sixe sawserrs the best basson and ewer wth the best pott and the best panne three broches and a peyr off cobbertes wth the leade in the ffowrnes and suche iron bowne weynes as he shall ffynd at the howse after his mothers desease wth all the ffuell wood or tymber there then remeyning Also I bequethe to the seyde Thomas the tearme off the yeares that I have in the Regestership off the Dioses off Chester unexpired w^t all my state and interest therin and the patent theroff grantyd to me and my assignes by the late Reverēd ffather in God Jhon Bishopp off Chester and conformed by the Deane and Chapter off the cathedrall church off Chester as be the same hit wyll appeare whome I make myne assigninge ffor that office desyring also his mother ffor because he is the eldest and shall keape howse at her deathe to remember him w^t other howshold stuffe iff he be to her kynde and a loving sunne Item I bequethe to my sunne George sixe other off my best sylver spoones having the letter G grave uppon them w^t my stāding cuppe off sylver duple gylded w^t one ffetherbed matterasse bolster blākettes and thrid best covering w^t ij peare off flaxen sheetes w^t the thrid best carpet The w^{ch} George I geave also and bequethe one advowson that I have off the psonage off Warton in Ches-

shire and also the ffyrst advowson off the next vacation off the psonage off Westekyrkbye in Wyrall ffor his pffermēt to be delivered to the seyde George immediatlye after the deathe off his mother or beffore iff anye off theme chance to be vacāt and he so pfferred I onerate his cōsciens to deale yearlye vj^s viij^d to poore ffolkes to pray especiallye ffor my solle his mothers and all others that I was bowden to prey ffor Item I bequethe and geave to my darling and best beloved off all his breether as another Josephe my sone Edmond¹ a gylted spoone one ffetherbed and a quylt bed w^t bolster and blankett^c two peyre off the ffynest sheetes the best and largest covering w^t the best carpet ffor the table and my best table clothe off dyapur w^t a ryng off gold that was his uncles and godffatheres signet having these letters J V gravē in hit to prey ffor his soole and myne And ffurthermore not mistrusting but that my seyde sone Edmund wyll serve God endeowr vertue and be a learned mā and off the spiritualtye I have ordeyned and ppared ffor him ij advowsons w^{ch} I geave and bequethe unto hym that is the advowson off the psonage off Astburye being de claro a hundrethe m^ok^c by the yeare and the advowson off the archedecōrye off Chester w^{ch} is ffyfftye powndes by the yeare and Goddes blessing and myne that he lykewyse in whome God hathe powred his gyfftes abundātlye conversus aliquādo poterit aliquādo cōfirmare fratres suos w^{ch} being yongest sone oñe [sic] yet I leave him as a parēt to thē all and especiallye to his godson and cosin Jhon Savage that having these levinges he doe bring him up vertuouse and godlye and keape him to learning and to deale yearlye ffor my soole and his mothers and all others that I was bownde to prey ffor to the poore tenne shillinges To the w^{ch} Edmond and George I bequethe all my bookes off the law equalle to be devided betwixt thē saving that I wyll Edmond have the cōwse off Barthall hollye

¹ 1572, June 7. Edmund Wilmesley M.A., nominated Rector of Tattenhall by Ellen, widow of George Wilmesley, late Chancellor, by the resignation of Ralph Wilmesley.— *Chester Registry*.

to his owne pper use Also I desyer and intyerlye requier my seyde wyff to keape my base sone Thomas to scoole till he be a priest iff he wyll be ruled by her or els in discharge off my cōscience w^{ch} I am assured she wyll not suffer to be in danger iff he wyll depart ffrō her and be a prētise to geave him a ffetherbed w^t all thinges belonginge to a bedd and xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d in monye to be levitt off all my goodes ffor I receaved x^{li} off his mother ffor his use desiring and requiring my welbeloved sone George Baker to take him to him or els to gett him a honest m^r and to see his litle stocke sett ffourthe and applied to his best use but he may reseave the samme after his prētiship is expired to the w^{ch} George Baker I geave and bequethe my signet off gold having these letters G and W gravē to keepe the same ffor a remēbrance off me and to pray ffor my soole I bequethe to the seyde George also one double duckett off gold ffurthermore my wyll is that iff my base sone Thomas be or wyll be priest that then when the beniffyse off Tattnall is voyde whosoever hathe at that tyme my lease off the ffarme off the seyde psonage off Tattnall shall psent hym therto and iff in my wyffe tyme she keape hym to learning that he be preest and come to anye pffermēt that then the legacye off xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d beffore mēcioned to be voyde and he to have a gowne and other apparell w^t the bed beffore mencioned w^t one great sylver spoone and likewise iff I in my lyfe tyme doe sett ffورthe the [said] Thomas w^t a stocke to the valew off xiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d then this legacye to be voyde saving his bedd and the sylver spoone Item I bequethe to my dawghter Jone a ffether bed matterasse and all other thinges therto belonging w^t two peare off sheetes two sylver spoones w^t other thinges that I leave her mother to provyde ffor p^rfarmēt off her mariage iff she wyll be honestlye ruled and gyded by her Also I geave and bequethe to Jhon Astbroke and Mold his wyff and to ether off theme one old angell ffurthermore that my seyde wyff may the better pfforme these thinges beffore mencioned I geave wyll and bequethe to her all and singuler my estate tearme and interest that I

have in ffarmes off the psonage off Castelston and the vicariche theroff w^t all and synguler the revenewes issues and pfettes arising and coming theroff w^{ch} I let nowe to my brother Thomas he paying me therfore yearlye discharging all charges ix^{li} x^s de claro and all the munimēt^z and wrytinges to the same belonginge to have hold and enjoy the pmisses w^t the appurtnāses to her the seyde Elleyne induring the seyde interest or tearme off yeares iff she so longe doe lyve and iff she dye w^t in the seyde tearme or tearmes then I wyll the remāder off the tearme and tearmes off yeares unexpired off the ffarmes off the psonage and vicarage of Castilton w^t all my estate tytyle and interest in the same to my eldest sone Thomas uppō condicion that he the seyde Thomas his executors and assignes do fynd sufficientlye his innocēt brother Jhon during his naturall lyffe w^t meate drinke and clothe and to cherishe him remēbring that he is his brother uppō my blessing and as he wyll avoyde the indignation off Almighty God and iff my sone Thomas refuse this to doe to his brother Jhon then I wyll this legacye to be voyde ffrom that tyme fforward and to revert and occurre to other off hys breethrē that wyll fynd there brother Jhon as beffore is mencioned desyring all my chyldrē uppon Goddes behalff and my blessing to tender and not neglect there innocent brother ffurthermore I geave and bequethe to my seyde wyff Elleyne my interest tytyle and tearme off yeares that I have by lease off and in the psonage off Tattall w^t all the comodityes and pfettes arising and growing theroff discharging all charges yff she so longe doe lyve the remeander off the tearme and tearmes off yeares after her disease w^t all my estate tytyle and interest to the same together w^t the lease off the seyde ffarme to my eldest sone Thomas and his assignes ffurthermore where I have mayd annuetye off xx m^o k^z yearlye granted to me and my assignes fforthe off the archediacye off Chester by M^r Robert Persivall incūbent off the same during his naturall lyffe and incūbencye to be payd at towe usall tearmes off the yeare as by his wrytinges theroff cōfect hit may and wyll appeare

Item I geve wyll and bequethe the seyd annuety off xx^{tie} m^okç after my decease to my fforseyd wyffe Elleyne to the meÿtenāse off hyr seyd charges during her naturall lyffe whome I make and appoynt my assigne off the reseaving off the seyd annuetye at the tearmes therin appoynted and after her desease the seyd annuetye off xx^{tie} m^okç I wyll geave and bequethe to my sonnes George and Edmond joyntlye whome I make and appoynt my assignes ffor that purpose to receave the pfettes theroff iff the seyd George and Edmond be then lyving or not pmoted at that tyme to anye spirituall or temporall living off the sume of xx^{li} and in case anye off them two other be dead or else pmoted as beffore is seyd then I wyll and bequethe his part so dead or pmoted to my sone Thomas Savage other wyse called Thomas Hope ffor becawse he was borne there whome I appoynt myne assigne ffor the cleame off the moytye off the seyd annewetye and iff hyt chance bothe George and Edmond to dye or els to be pmoted as beffore is mensioned during the seyd annewetye off xx^{tie} m^okç dew to me and my assignes then I wyll bequethe and assigne the seyd annewytye off xx^{tie} m^okç joyntlye to be reseaved by my seyd sone Thomas Savage alias Hope and Jhon Savage my nephew sone off my brother Jhon Savage late Archdeacon off Chester the w^{ch} Jhon I geave also and bequethe a ffetherbed wth all thinges therunto belonging to make it a cōplete bed ffinallye my mynd and wyll is that iff anye off my sayde children be deade beffore he reseave any legacies to him by me bequethed then I wyll his part or portion to be devidid amongst my other children equallye w^{ch} have at that tyme no pmotions or els to the poorest off them at the descretion mynd and pleasure off my most dearest and worshipfull m^r and ffrend Sir Philipp Egerton knight saving and pvided always that iff my eldest sone Thomas chance to dye beffore he reseave and enjoye the [sic] off the regestership off the dioces off Chester or the ffarmes off the psonage and vicorage off Castelton and off the psonage off Tattnall then the seyd office and ffarmes I assigne and appoynt by this my

last wyll and testament to his brother George yff he then be living to have and enjoy the same accordinglye to all inttent^s wth the cōdicion to fynd hys brothir Jhon as is beffore seyde and iff the seyde George be not then lyvinge then I bequethe the same to my sone Edmond and in deffault off hym to my sone Thomas [Savage] alias Hope and lastlye ffor lacke off them to Jhon Astbroke and Mode his wyffe wth all my state tytel and interest scriptes and wrytinges therunto belonging wth the condicion assigned to them all to fynd the poore innocent my sone Jhon Also I geave and bequethe to Thomas Hall iff he then be in my servyse at the tyme off my departyng xx^s and to everye off my servāt men and wemen xx^d a pece and to my cheffe servant that waytes uppon me v^s over and besyde his quarters wages that he is entred in Item I geave and bequethe to my trustye ffrend M^r Doctor Wall my best jacket that I have at that tyme ffor a remembrance and to Syr Robert Damold psone off Handlaye one old angell and to Syr Richard Dod yff he serve the cure off Tattnall at the tyme off my departing vj^s viij^d and ffor the pfformance off this my last wyll and testament I constitute ordeyne and nominate my deare and welbeloved wyff Elleyne my sole and onely executrix theroff to whome as by the lawes ffor manye and sondrye considerations I remitt and disburden hyr ffor making anye invētoyre off my goodes dettes and cattals also off making anye accownse theroff to the ordenarye not to the intent therbye any psone shuld be defrawd and therffore iff I dye and be buried in anye plase wherby the ecclesiasticall lawes and statutes off this realme I am bownden to pay my mortuarye then I wyll ffor my seyde mortuarye to be payd x^s to whome hit is dew and I wyll to the seyde ordenarye that pvoes this my wyll x^s ffor becase in my tyme I have gotten by lyke offyse my lyving also to the regester ffor the wryting and his ffese other x^s finallye I desyre my right worshipfull mayster and ffrend Syr Philipp Egerton knight whome in my lyffe tyme I have so moche loved and trusted off this my last wyll and testament to be the over-

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seer and a patron and eyder to my wyffe that she susteyne no wronge w^{ch} ffor the assured love that he lykewyse did beare to me I am ser-
teyne he wyll so doe and ffor becawse that I never hard yet he
deseaved anye pson that did put his trust in him to whome ffor a
remēbrāce I lave a dowble ducket and one angelet to my good ladye
hys wyff ffurthermore I require all my fforseyd children as the are
bownden by Goddes cōmandmēt and naturallie to be kynd loving
obedient helping and eyding there mother as the wyll avoyde Goddes
displeasure and the infamye off the worlde and thus doing I leve and
bequethe them Goddes blessing and myne pease and quietnes and
increase off the world w^{ch} God off his mere goodnes doe cōffyrme to
whome be honowr and glorye world w^{thowte} [end] Amen And ffor
the trewe acknoleging that this is my last wyll devised off me off my
owne volunt w^{thowte} allewrmēt envegling or pcuremēt off anye pson
or psons I doe subscribe my owne hand w^{ch} is well knowen wth my
name to the same wth Jesus Marya at the beginning and sealing the
same wth my signet having the letters G and W graven in hit Also
my mynd and wyll is that mayster Jhon Cheetam shall have
and enjoy peasablie the excersise off the office off the regestership
off Chester wth all cōmodities therunto belonginge ffor the residow
off the yeares that shall chanse after my desease to be unexpired
accordinge to the bargeyne betwixte us towe made and ffurthermore
one hole yeare after my gyfft discharging the offyce and paying
ffor that yeare to him that shall be regester then vj^{li} xiijs iiij^d.

In Dei noīe Amen Wheare the mynd off man and especialle the
sicknes is obliuious to put all thinges in pfect state wherffore I George
Wymisley off Tattnall in the cowntye off Chester fforgetting to incert
certeyne thinges in my testamēt beffore made therffor I the seyde
George the xvj day off ffebruarye in the thrid yeare off owre sove-
reygne ladye Queene Elyzabethes do make thys p̄sent codicell w^{ch} I
wyll to be part and pcell off my last wyll and testament Videt that

where there is granted to me the seyd George by the late Reverend ffather in God Jhon Byrd then Bishopp off Chester under his great seale and confyrmed by the Deane and Chapter under there comon seale as hit may appeare by patent off regestershipp off Chester wth a searteyne annewetye and ffye off iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d to me the seyd George and myne assignes ffor tearme off yeares in the seyd patent mencioned I the seyd George after my desease make and nominate my welbeloved wyffe Elyn myne assignes ffor reseaving off the seyd annewetye or ffie off iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d during the tearme conteyned in the seyd patent yff she so longe doe lyve and after her desease I nominate constitute and ordeyne Thomas Savage the elder my sone myne assigne ffor the reseaving and enjoying off the seyd ffie off iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d together wth the patent theroff confect and made in wytnes wheroff I have subscribed my name to this codicell and sealed the same the day and yeare above mencioned in the p^sense off the witnesses folowyng w^{ch} have subscribed there names to the same ffurthermore my mynd and wyll is by this my p^sent codicell that iff any dowte ambiguetye or variense ryse betwixt my wyff and her children or betwixt my children theyre selves ffor and consarning division off goodes or anye part or psell conteyned in my wyll and testament that then the all shall stand and abyde ffullye to the determination and order off the right worshipfull mayster Sir Philipp Egerton knight to whome I geave my full power and awctoretye as muche as the law wyll suffer me therin.

Richard Dod curate de Tattnall Jhon Astbroke Thomas Payne
scriptor hujus codicilli Thomas Hall.

THE WILL OF THOMAS CLARKE DEAN OF
CHESTER.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen In the yeare off owre Lord God mcccc and xlj and the xiiijth day off September I syr Thoṃs Clearke deane off the cathedrall churchē off Chryst wⁱⁿ the citey off Chester hole off mynd and sycke in bodye make my last wyll and testamēt in fforme and maner folowing ffyrst and principallye I bequethe my sole unto Almightye God creator and maker off this world owr Ladye Seynt Marye and unto all the hollye companye off heavē and my bodye to be buryed beffore the highe altare wⁱⁿ the quire off y^e seyde cathedrall churchē Also I wyll and bequethe that my ffunerall costes and charges be made off my whole goodes Also I wyll and bequethe unto iiij daughters my systers chyldren and to everye one off theme towardē there mariage xx^{li} Also I wyll &c. to Richard Broster my systers sone to his owne use and ffurtherāce xxx^{li} Also I wyll that my lord Bishopp off Chester Jhon Byrd have the pffarment in bying my best bed w^{ch} I lye and the bed wⁱⁿ the second chāber wth hangings abowte the same doing thereffore as an other wyll doe Also I wyll &c. the rest off my goodes movāble and unmovable wthin the syte off the cathedrall churchē off Chester at the manor off Ince or other where wth plate bedding and all apperfūnāses therto to be at the disposition off myne executors Also I wyll y^t my executors shall receive all my detts and therew^t pay my dettes and the rest to be at there disposition and ordre ffor the pffett off my sowle healthe Also I bequethe to my servātē wholye whose names be herin con-

(¹) No date of probate. He was the last abbot of the monastery of St. Werburgh, Chester, and at the Dissolution was appointed first dean of the newly formed cathedral. If he died soon after the making of this will, and unfortunately there is no date of the probate, he must have held the office of dean for a very brief period. The manor house at Ince was a residence of the abbots of St. Werburgh.

teined and to everye off theme iff my goodes wyll extend and amount thereunto xl^s a peace off theme or els pporcionallye as hit wyll stretche by the discretion off my executors ffyrst to Rawff Leftwiche Wiffm Bryne Robert Hope gentylmen Wylliam Mayhow Thomas Wryght Jhon Mason Tho^ms Parker Tho^ms Gose Wiffm Vernā Edward Griffytht Hughe Haye Henrye Richardson Tho^ms Banyon Henry Bankes Henrye Abraham, Wiffm Crosbye Robert ap Wiffm Christopher Bersey Matthew Wryght Richard Banke shepard Tho^ms Jaynsoon and Robert Wylson And thus I make constitute and appoynt to execute and pfforme this my last wyll and testament and all other wylles p^rmisses and fformer bequestes beinge voide Jhon Bothe gentyman Doctor Wylliam Wallen Syr Jhon Huet and Syr Tho^ms Radfford p^rbendaries off the cathedrall church in Chester affore my lawfful executors to execute and pfforme this my last wyll and testament according to the tenowr theroff iff my goodes wyll extend thereunto In p^rsence and being witnesse Wylliam Goodman alderman off the Citty in Chester Robert Hope Tho^ms Wright Wiffm Baxter Edward Griffithe Jhon Mason Elisabethe Offley Jone Broster and Alls Amerye wth others moe Written the day and yeare above specyffied.

Inventorium Thome Clarke Decani Cest. Wⁱⁿ the Deanes chamber Imprimis a covering ij blankette a bolster ij pillowes one fether bed one woll bed a tesser off whyte say and greene wth cowrteynes off sarsenet xl^s A henging of arasse x^s a henging off greene sey over worne with ij peynted clothes vj^s viij^d one ffolding table not coloryd vj^s viij^d one other ffolding table coloryd vj^s viij^d one weyscote cubbord vj^s viij^d a presse iij^s iiij^d a looking glasse xij^d an olde worne carpet iij^s iiij^d ij fformes with ij bankers xij^d Summa iiij^{li} xxij^d Wⁱⁿ a chest wⁱⁿ the same chamber Imprimis ij dosen kanvas napkins iij^s vj diapur napkins iij^s a dyapur towel conteyninge iij yeard^e old worne xij^d a soche lyke dyapur towell xij^d iij yeardes and a halff of calise

clothe xxj^d vij canvasse sheetes x^s one tabul clothe off canvas xvj^d
 one tabul clothe off dyapur coteyninge iiij yeard^c off clothe and a
 halffe being old worne iij^s a yeard off red velvet x^s in new cowrtens
 off red and grene sey wth a valense ffor the same xvj^s viij^d a tesser
 w^t iij corteynes off red and greene sey old worne vj^s viij^d ij peaces off
 red and greene say xxvj^s viij^d a new covering xxvj^s viij^d ij surplusses
 old and over worne iij^s iiij^d Summa v^{li} xv^s j^d Wthin the second chā-
 ber If a flooke bed one ffetherbed one covering a bolster a coverlet
 and a tesser xx^s the hangins there iii^s iiij^d in coaffurs v^s Summa
 xxviij^s iiij^d Wthin the chapell Imprimis a covering off verdur vj^s viij^d
 an other off verdur wth ij images vj^s viij^d an other off verdur wth
 conies and bridds vj^s viij^d an other off verdur w^t bryddes v^s an other
 covering w^t stories vj^s viij^d an other patched covering w^t a unicorn
 iij^s a carpet clothe off deysyes iij^s iij ffether bedd^c w^t bolsters ffor
 servāts not halff stuffed w^t ffethers xxiiij^s iij small pillowes and a
 large pillow off dawne iiij^s ij woll bedds x^s ij mattresses v^s ij ffustian
 blanketts old worne iij^s iiij^d vij coverlett^c old worne xiiij^s ij whyte
 flegge blanketts vj^s viij^d a carpet ffor a cupbord xij^d a cownter clothe
 vjd ix carpet quishions old worne xij^s verdur quishions old worne vj^s
 a jackett off damaske xl^s gowne ffaced wth damaske xl^s a cope ffor the
 quire lyned wth chageable sasenet xxvj^s viij^d a cloke ffaced wth velvet
 xx^s vj gownes distributed to his kynsffolke and ffrendes ij peyre off
 hose and ij jackett^c distributed in like case x^{li} x^s x^d Wthin a blacke
 chest in the second chamber An old grey amesse and a rochet x^s a new
 grey amesse and a greyt surplesse iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d ij old diapur towels iij^s
 a peyr off sheetes ij^s viij^d a shurt xx^d an English bibel vj^s viij^d xij
 yeard^c off linen clothe iiij^s a pere off old sheetes xx^d a garnishe off
 new vessell xxiij^s ij porredge dishes v^s vj pewter trenches ij^s iij
 bassens iij ewers and one charger iij^s a typpet of taffeta x^s a new
 capp v^s a new weynscote bed xl^s ij carpettes Englishe warke iiij^s
 Summa ix^{li} ix^s Plate ij ale cuppes weying xiiij unces and dimid^d
 x^{li} vj^s viij^d a white boll wth a cover xxxviij ownces iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d an

other small whyte peace xj ounces xxxvj^s viij^d vij spoones ij off theme gylt xij ounces and dimid xlv^s a chaffing dishe off sylver and ij spoones wth other broken sylver xxx unces and dimid v^{li} xx^d a neest of goblett^e wth a cover gylt xl unces and dimid xij^{li} iij^s x^d a standinge cuppe wth a cover gylt xxviiij unces and dimid v^{li} iij^s ij^d an other standing cuppe wth a cover gylt xxv unces iij^{li} xj^s viij^d a salt wth a cover gylt xij unces x^{li} vij^s viij^d a small chalesse wth a cover psell gylt xij unces xxvj^s x beydes sylver iij^s iij^d vj ringes sylver and gylt base gold wth christal stones a chalesse wth a patent dowble gylt xxviiij unces and dimid v^{li} iij^s ij^d a pax sylver and gylt fful off sowder iij unces x^s a pax sylver and gylt vij^s vj^d Within the wyne celler If a greyt pott v^s ij chaldrens v^s iij small pottes v^s Wthin the ffleshe howse If a greyt pott iij^{li} a new grate off iron x^s ij goggins off brasse vj^s viij^d ij rackes ij broches v^s a gyrd iron and a ffleshe hooke xvj^d ij ffyre fforkes a shoe and a peare off tonges iij^s iij^d one pulli off brasse ij^s ij old great laund irons v^s ij smal laund irons ij^s a plymmars hammer and a peyre off boltes xvj^d a long brādert and a grate v^s certeine leade after iij^s y^e C xx^s an hoggshed off salt iij^s a peare off bellowes ij^d a barrell [of] chalke xvj^d ij great coaffers vj^s viij^d a beestocke viij^d a dowble racke xx^d a off wood xxvj^s viij^d xx^{tye} score off coles xxvj^s viij^d xx^{tye} lodes off good hey affter iij^s y^e lode iij^{li} xviiij lodes off hey affter xx^d a lode xxx^s a saddel bridel and harnesse v^s a bey gelding xxx^s a white gelding xij^s iij^d v lodes off hey affter iij^s iij^d xvj^s viij^d corne wthin y^e barne off Chester Bowghton barne and the demeanes off Saghton x^{li} Contentes wthin a coffer at Hughe Aldersey howse A boxe conteyning evidenses ij albes and amys broderyd x^s a dalmatyke off balkynd sylke x^s a velvet vestment red wth a crosse off gold xxvj^s viij^d a stole and a phanon xij^d a blew tynacle ij^s a vestment off whyte sarsenett vj^s viij^d a towell off dyapur ij^s ij rochetts ij^s At Ince viij score and xiiij wedders at ij^s a peace xv^{li} viij^s L hogges v^{li} vj^s viij^d xj score ewes and tuppes xv^{li} v score and xij lambes at viij^d a peace iij^{li} xiiij^s viij^d one

mare w^t a colt ij stagges att xxviijs ij old horses one w^t a broken legge and an other blynd vjs viij^d henges there ijs viij^d vj quishens viijs one cownter vjs viij^d one other cownter v^s an other fflowle stagge x^s an old mare and a colt xvjs a presse x^s a cownter clothe xvj^d iiij bed cases vjs one cow xiijs fformes and tressyls vj^d v candelstickes ijs ffyre wood and turve xxxijs iiij^d ij lodes off canel v^s lyme viij bushel ijs viij^d old leyde xx^d ij pullis ijs tymber theire ix^s ffor hey theire ijs xiijs iiij^d ffor a stonne woll v^s v stone lockes affter ijs iiij^d xvjs viij^d a mare xjs a horse and a mare xxijs iiij^d an other mare xiijs iiij^d ffor xxvii stone off woll ix^{li} xvj^d ropp^e and leade being in Hughe Alderseys hand xxvjs viij^d Other stuffe in diverse plases preysed as folowythe A cope off redd velvett xl^s a vestment and ij tinacles off red velvet iij^{li} broken sylver xxix unces sold to Mr Dutton v^{li} xx^d a iron bownd cart w^t new treises ijs xv off slates ijs^{li} a gowne off russet new ffurrid w^t lambe and conye lijs iiij^d serteyne ringes w^t greyt stones xxv^s in redye money at his departing lxj^{li} ijs

Sperat dettes as ffolowithe dew to the seyd Syr Thom^s Clarke at his departing lyke to be reseaved Syr Jhon Hewet clearke ffor the Easter roll off the parsonage off Seynt Oswaldes vj^{li} Henrye Richardson owethe ffor the pfetts off the church e ffor one hole yeare x^{li} xvjs ij^d Raff Goodmā owethe ffor halff a yeares rent off the tythes off Dye mylnes l^s Hughe Broster and his wyffe owethe ffor the yeres rent off the tythes and pfetts off Wyrvyn vij^{li} Hughe Aldersay owythe ffor money lent xxiij^{li} The same Hughe ffor money reseaved off Mr Manwaring x^{li} Henrye Bunberye gentylmā iiij^{li} Mr Buxce pben-darye iij^{li} Thomas Cottinghā off Ledsam xix^s ij^d Davye Myddelton ffor Mr Calvelye iij^{li} vjs viij^d Wiffm Leghe off Yrbye xx^s Richard Chawntrell ffor an oxe xviijs Wiffm Ball and Margaret Wederall iij^{li} vjs ij^d James Stonely off Seylton v^s Rob^t Huntington of the plym yerdes ix^{li} Syr Thom^s Newton ffor an ames xl^s The same Syr Thom^s

ffor money lent iij^s Myles Newton ffor money lent xx^s Raff Left-
wicke by a byll off his hand x^{li} Y^e same Raff ffor rerages off
acco^wptes ffor his bayliwicke as appearetht by M^r Wysemans hand
wryting iij^{li} iij^s v^d The same Raff ffor money lent to Bostocke iij^s
iij^d Rob^t Hope ffor his bayliwicke iij^s Withm Bryne ffor rerages off
his bayliwicke xlvj^s viij^d Thom^s Wright ffor his bayliwicke x^s iij^d
o^b The Deane and Canons off Chester owetht ffor the charges off the
erection off the seyde College Cxlj^{li} Hughe Broster and his wyffe
owethe ffor xl and xij bushells off barle at xv^d the b^s iijj^{li} x^s The
sayd Hughe and his wyff ffor xxxvj teethe lambes at x^d a peace xxx^s
The same man ffor v stone off tyethe woll at v^s iijj^d the stone xxvj^s
viij^d Y^e Deane and Canons owethe uppon acco^wpt liijj^{li} xij^s Dyvers
other men ffor mortuaries abowte xxx^s M^r Wyllia Sneyde ix^{li} M^r
Smytht parson off Burye x^{li} Randul Manwaring off Swanlow xxx^{li}
more certeine ringes and quishions and other stuffe w^t redye monye
xl^s w^{ch} money and other stuff were gyffe to his too systers and his
ffrendes not preysed.

Imprimis ffor ffunerall exp^ses abowt the burial off the testator
xl^{li} xij^s ij^d Owing to the kinges highnes and to y^e deane and chanons
as appearetht by a debet ffyned w^t M^r Wysemas hand and hanging
in the alditors bookes off w^{ch} debethe part is alowed to the Deane
and Canons by reason off the kinges gyfft in their detacion and
ptinet discharged as apperetht by the awditors booke CCxxxvj^{li} Owing
to the Deane and Canons ffor the whole yeares rent off the psonage
off Seynt Oswaldes wiche the executors have payd and alowed to the
Deane and Canons and ffor recōpence thereof the corne and other
pffetts is charged in the invētorye as by the seyde inventorye wyll
appeare lxxij^{li} xij^s vj^d

THE WILL OF SIR THOMAS HOLT OF
GRISTLEHURST, KNT.

IN the name of God Amen I Sir Thom̄s Holt off Gryselhurst in the cowntye off Lancaster knight beinge whole in bodye and off good and perfect remembrance thanks lawde and preyse be unto almyghtye God yet pceavinge and concideringe that death is to everye person at Goddes wyll and pleasure most comon and uncerteyn and often tymes [men] sodenlye betaken out off this transitorye world no wyll disposition nor order off their landes goodes and cattalls or onye thinges wherewth they be charged dysposyd made or declaryd by reason whereof often tymes great stryffe and variance dothe growe and ryse and their duties and dettes be not payd Therefore I the sayd Syr Thom̄s Holt knyght the xij day off ffebruarye in the yeare off ovr Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreht threescore and tooe and in the fowrth yeare off the reygne off ovr sovereygne ladye Elyzabeth &c. ffyrst and pryncipallye wyllinge the wealth and health off my soule and to have yt prayd ffor after my deceasse and departure off my bodye ffrom this transitorye lyffe And secondly wyllinge and desyringe the pffarment and settinge fforthe off my wyffe chyl dren and others doe thereffore make and declare my testament and last wyll &c. ffirst I bequeth my soule unto almyghtye God my Creator and Redemer and trustinge in the merites off Chrystes death passion and bludshed to be one off those y^t shall be savyd at the great generall day off judgement and my bodye to be buried wheare yt shall please almyghtye God Item I geave and bequeth to the ornamentes off Burye church ij^s iiij^d Item I geave unto eyght poore flolke evy off theym one gowne whyte or blacke immediatlye after the departure off my lyffe And the sayd poore flolke to be off the poorest off my tenanntes wthin the parishes off Burye Mydleton and Rache-

dale by my executors yff I doe not appoynt theym in my lyffe tyme and y^t everye off the sayd poore ffolkes to have geaven by my sayd executors everye off theym iiij^d I geave &c. unto ffrancis Holt my sone and heyre one damaske gowne a saten jaket wth sleeves and my cheyne off golde And also I geave unto the sayd ffrances and to soche heyres males as shall hereafter dwell at my house off Grystelhurst or in anye other place all maner off artyllerye or harneysse as jack salett whyte harnesse w^t my flagge and pensyll w^{ch} hatht my armes and badge uppon accordinge as yt was appoyntyd me off the kyngge off harawldes Item I geave unto the sayd ffrances Holt my tent and tent polle wth all iron ware and ropes to the sayd tent belonginge Item yt ys my full mynde that the sayd damaske gowne saten jaket cheane off gold w^t all kynd off harnesse as ys afforesayd shall be delyveryd unto the sayd ffrances immediatlye after the death off me the sayd Sr Thom's Holt Item I geave &c. unto the sayd ffrances Holt one sylver salt wth a cover dowble gylte a pounse bolle pcell gylt ix sylver spoones called the apostells spoones a ffurnesse off leade wth dyverse stone trowes keyres and arkes standinge in the backehowse brewhouse and larder howse I geave &c. unto the sayd ffrances Holt all arkes keyres and sawed bowrdes wth other chyste ware and tymber y^t ys now or at anye tyme off my deathe shalbe in the kylne what maner off tymber so ever yt be uppon condition that Dame Dorothye my wyffe shall occupye the same duryngge all her lyffe and y^t after the decesse off the sayd Dame Dorothye my mynd ys the pcell as ys afforesayd shall remeyne unto the sayd ffrances Holt and hys heyres as heyrelomes Item I wyll &c. y^t after the death off me the sayd Syr Thom's Holt and Dame Dorothye my wyffe all kynde off bedstockes with hanginges ffor the same to remeyne and be heyre lomes at my howse or wheare the sayd heyres males shall dwell for ever Item I geave &c. unto Dame Dorothye my wyffe my best geldinge Item I geave unto ffrances Holt my sone my second best geldinge Item I geave unto Raffe Holt my yonger sone my thryd best geldinge Item

I geave unto Tho^ms Holt sone off the sayd ffANCES Holt my fflowrtht best geldinge Item I wyll that my executors shall delyver unto my aunte Annes yerelye duryng her liffe xl^s Item I geave unto Mawde Barlowe my sisters dawghter xl^s toward^e her mariage iff she be then alyve so that she guyde her selfe honestlye and be rulyd by her mother and by my next heyre apparant Item I wyll that after my dettes payd legacyes and ffunerall expences payd and doone that the residew off my goodes cattalls and dettes shalbe equallye devyded into iij partes whereoff one part to Dame Dorothye my wyffe the second part to Rauffe Hol^t and the thryd part y^t remeyneth unto me I geave unto ffANCES my sone towardes the mariage off his chyldren and brynginge off theym upp in vertuousnes Also I constitute and make my trustye and welbelovyd Dame Dorothye my wyffe and Raffe Holt my soⁿe my trewe and ffaythfull executors to see that this my last wyll be pfformyd as they wyll answere beffore God at the generall day off judgement Also I wyll that this shalbe my trewe and last wyll conserninge the disposition off my goodes cattalls and dettes and that all other wylles heretoffore made to be ffustrate and off no effecte In witnes whereoff I the sayd Syr Tho^ms Holt have assygued this my last wyll in wrytinge wth my owne hand and sett to my seall in the p^sens off Robert Holt.¹

¹ No date of probate. The testator was son of Ralph Holt of Gristlehurst Esq. by Anne, daughter of John Langley of Agecroft, and married Dorothy, daughter of Ralph Longford of Longford Knt. — *Suffield MSS.* His inquisition post mortem is dated 4 Elizabeth, at which time his son Francis was of the age of 88 years. The family continued in the possession of Gristlehurst and other lands in Lancashire until Thomas Posthumus Holt Esq. squandered his paternal estates and died in poverty near Tattenhall, where he was buried March 28, 1879. For an account of this family see *Notitia Cestriensis*, vol. ii. part i. p. 100; vol. ii. part iii. p. 477; and *The Stanley Papers*, part ii. p. 174.

TESTAMENTUM CICELIE ASHELEY.¹

Phat corā mro Robto Leeche v^o die Junii 1563. Et cōmissa administratio execut^ū reservata p̄tate p Thurstano Tyldisley armigero.

IN the name &c. The xixth day of Maye in the yeare of oure lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth three score and three I Cicill Asheley beinge of pfect mynd &c. ffyrst and principally I bequeth my sole unto almightye God my maker and redemer and my bodye to bee buryed at my parishe church of Bowdon nere unto my husbande grave yff yt please God to call me to his mercye at this tyme Iſm I geave &c. unto George Breerton yf he take good weys and be ordred by his ffriende whome I constitute and make my executors one hundreth markes of his mariage goodes And to his syster Anne and his syster Jane eyther of theym ij hundreth markes a pece yff they take good weys and be ordred by their frendes And yf they doe not use theym selves well and will not be ordred by their frendes I geave unto my nephew Souton children and my nephew Wryghte children one hundreth markes and to be devyded equallye amongst theym and to be receved at the dayes of paym^t w^{ch} were appoynted at the daye of making upp of the marriage The rest of the sayd fowre hundreth markes yff they will not be ruled by their frendes I geave to y^e sayd George Breerton Item I geave to the sayd George Brereton eyght oxen and all plowes weynes cheynes and all thinges belonginge unto husbandry To the sayd George sixe kye and a bull the blacke nagge and the yonge fillye and a bore and

¹ She was the widow of George Ashley of Ashley Esq. and daughter of John Sutton of Sutton near Macclesfield Esq. The issue of this marriage was an only daughter, Thomasine, who was married to Richard Brereton, a younger son of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 419.

a sowe and iiij^{or} shotes of the best he can chewse To the sayd George all the corne that ys sowed and to be sowed appon the grownd and the best chafer and the best possenett To the sayd George ij of the best cheares the cuppord in the hall and the cuppord in the parlor and the cofer in the parlor To the sayd George all the keyres stowndes and other vessells y^t are wthin the brewhowse to brewe wth To the sayd George the grettest potte and the best panne and the best maslin basyn and the best voyder and the best garnishe of pewter dishes and the saltinge tubbes and soche other tree ware as ys wthin the larder Also I geave to the sayd George iiij^{or} of the best candelstickes and a chafinge dishe To the sayd George a cote of mayle a jacke and a salet and all other harnesse at home besydes To the sayd George all the barres of iron that are in y^e apple chamber To the sayd George a diapur cloth and an other cloth for the broade boord xx^{tye} peyre of sheetes a dosyn of boord napkins halfe a dosyn pillow bers and a halfe dosen of quishins y^t are in the hall and iiij^{or} of those quishins that are in the parlor syde and a red velvett quishin y^t standeth in the parlor window To the sayd George ij candestickes for tapers and a pewter bottell and fore score dishes and bolles and iiij^{or} beddes that ys to say the best bed wth the sylke henginge and ij of y^e worse sorte and ij mattresse and halfe a dosen of fustian pillowes and ij of the worst sorte and to e^vye bed ij blankette and ij coverlettē Ifm I geave unto Anne Breerton iiij^{or} kye the graye mare and her fole ij styrkes of ij yeres old of the best that she can chewse of the kye styrkes and iiij^{or} of the grettest swyne To the sayd Anne ij bedstockes one ys in the yate howse and the other in y^e chappell chamber To the sayd Anne xx^{tye} pere of sheete and a dyapur bord clothe and iij other bord clothes a dosyn bord napkins and halfe a dosyn pillowe beres and halfe a dosyn of fustian pillowes and the worser chafer and a possenet wth a stole To the sayd Anne iiij^{or} beddes ij of the best and ij of the worser and ij mattres and my ij damaske gownes and my red damaske kyrtle a

frocke of right wolstyd and my best cloth frocke and my best kyrtle of blacke damaske and my velvet bonet and a red tippet of saten borthered wth gold and a pere of bedes of red corall and a pere of velvet sleeves and another peyre of tawnye saten and ij rynges of gold y^e one was her mothers and the other wth a perle y^t I had of Mestres Asheley and ij corpp [*sic*] cases I geave to the sayd Anne yff the be never occupyed ageyn at the churche And yff the be I geave the one to the churche at Bawden y^e better and the other to my owne chapell at home And I geave to the sayd Anne the best potte and the best panne iiij candelstickes and halfe a garnishe of pewter and a chafinge dishe and the halfe of the drynkinge pottē that are in the butterye and halfe a dosyn of sylver spoones a sylver salt and a standinge peace of sylver and the cofer that hath my best gayre in and the other that my best kerchyfes in Iſm I geave unto Jane Breerton iiij kye and ij kye styrkes of ij yeres old and a pott and a panne of the best that are left when her brother and syster have chosen Iſm I geave to the sayd Jane twooe bedstockes the one in the chappell chameber and the other benethe and iiij^{or} candelstickes and halfe a garnishe of pewter Iſm to the sayd Jane the damaske gowne that was her mothers and a kyrtle the abillement that was her mothers and the blewe saten tippet y^t was myne and a peyre of white birrall beydes and my worse damaske kyrtle and iiij beddē one of the better and ij of the worse and all thinges belonginge thereunto and xvij peyre of sheetē a dosyn bord napkins and vj pillow beres a flaxen bord cloth and iiij other bord clothes and iiij^{or} fustian pillowes and halfe a dosyn of sylver spoones and a sylver salt and a sylver potte and a cofer that standeth behind the chameber dore and an other that standeth in the closett Iſm I bequeth the rest of all the tree ware that ys unbequethed to Jane Brerton and Anne B: Iſm I geave to Jane B: a littell potte Iſm I geave unto Anne Ward a cove and a calfe and xxth markes of money and a fetherbed and all thinges belonginge therto y^t is to say twoe blankettē twoe covlettē

ij pillowes and a bed cover Iſm to Alice Harden a cowe and a calfe Iſm to Margaret Debias a cowe and a calfe Iſm to Jone Curbishley a cowe and a calfe Iſm to Margaret Worthington a cowe styrk of ij yerres of age Iſm to my ſervant Robert Vereson a yoke of my drawght steerres Iſm to Wiſſm Worsley a yoke of drawen sterres Iſm to Robt Heyghfeld xx^{ty} shillinges and a shert and his bed w^{ch} he lyeth in in the mylne To Henry Heeld xx^s and a shurt [The same bequest to] George Land John Hase Riċ Cooe Henry Heeld the younger Wiſſm Bradshaw and George Launnce Iſm I geave to Wiſſm Bradshaw a bed Iſm to Roger Murrey a cowe styrke To my s^rvant Robt Gooden a yoke of steerres that goe in the pear tree fyeld Iſm to John Davenport xx^s and a sherte I forgeave Mawde Rigway the debt w^{ch} she oweth me [Similar bequests to the following] Edward Houghe Margaret Heginson John Denson the wyffe of Robt Coe the wyfe of John Wryght George Launnce Edward Rowson Reynold Gooden the wyffe of Roger Lyneston Katherine Milner the wyfe of John Leeghe of Altringham the wyfe of James Warberton the wyfe of Edward Parker Raffe Venebles John Walton of Altringham and Nicolas Vawdrey Iſm I geave to my brother S^r Wiſſm xx^{li} To Wiſſm Bothe esquier v^{li} To Thurstane Tyldisley of Wardley v^{li} To M^r Sutton v^{li} To Jasp^r Worth of Tetherington v^{li} And I make my executors &c. the right worshipfull S^r Wiſſm Davenport knight George Breerton my sone Thurstan Tildesley esquier Riċ Sutton esquier Jasper Worth esquer and the right worshipfull Wiſſm Bothe esquier to be overseer and supervisor The rest of my goodes unbequethed my legacyes my buryall and funerall expenses discharged &c. shall be devyded to the poore people in this parishe and in the towne of Macclesfyld These beinge witnes George Lamme John Davenport Robt Perisson Robt Gooden and Wiſſm Worsley.

TESTAMENTUM ANTONII CALVELEY.

¶ Bat coram m̃gro Robto Leech in LL Baccat xxij^o Sep. 1563.

IN the name &c. The xiiijth daye of May in the fyfthe yere of the reygne of our so^vaygne ladie Queene Elizabeth I Antonye Calveley¹ son of George Calveley knight decessed beinge whole of mind &c. ffirst I geave &c. my sole unto almightie God and unto our blessed Ladye Seynt Mary &c. I will the daye of my buryall or wthin a moneth after there be x^{li} delt to y^e poore to praye for me &c. I will y^t their be xiiij blacke gownes made and geven unto my poore neighbowrs to praye for me Also I will desire and charge my executors and overseers of this my will y^t they shall see my ladye my mother Dame Elizabeth Calveleys will be pformed and my syster² Elizabeth Gerrards will be pformed And also that my brother³ John Calveleys will be pformed w^{ch} I stand charged wthall and that ys not doone and fulfilled at my deathe when yt shall please God to call for me to his mercye as they shalbe answerable thereunto at the dreadfull daye of judgement afore God in an other world Also to the halowinge of Churching Heathe chapell x^{li} I will that my nephewe George Calveley shall deliver to y^e parisheaners of Church en Heath chapell the bell that I lent unto him w^{ch} hanged in his steeple over his chapell w^{ch} bell was geven by my ladye my mother. unto the sayd chapell to be prayd for Also I will y^t my executors shall paye for the pavinge of the cawsey so far as ys unfinished at my deathe betwixt the chapell and cawde fyeld stile — unto y^e mendinge of Hanley lane at y^e church end iiij^s iiij^d — unto y^e mendinge of War-

¹ Anthony, a younger son of Sir George Calveley of Lea, Knt., by Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Piers Dutton of Hatton, Knt. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 419.

² Elizabeth married Richard Gerard of Crewd, Esq. Her inquisition post mortem is dated 35 Henry VIII. — Ibid. p. 62.

³ See his will at p. 56.

ton windemille lane iij^s iiij^d I will that my syster Elianor Davenport have delivered unto her iij of the spoones that were last made at London that have ij lres at the endes for my name a pewter voyder a pere of beydes of exedent gawdid wth silver and gilt an edge of perle a button of gold wth white amell on ytt a flat ringe of gold price x^s ij coffers one wth a clicket locke and another wth a white plate loocke on ytt which ys geaven unto her by my ladye Calveley her mother I will that my sister Dorotheie Almer have delivered unto her a flower of gold set wth stones and perle a ringe of gold wth the fyve wovnds wrought on hit a white dyapur rybbon wth ij aglette of sylver and gylt on hit Also I will to be delivered unto my sayd suster Dorotheie a great brasse pottle y^t was Cicelie Tattonhall^e pforminge the sayd Cicelie Tattonhalls will to Bunsburie church w^{ch} goodes were geaven unto her by the will of my ladye Calveley her mother I will y^t my executors deliver unto evye one of my brethren in lawe one olde ryall w^{ch} was by the gyfte of my ladye my mother and yff anye of their names be dead then I will their eldest sones to have the same gold delivered unto theym to praye for my ladye M^r Davenport M^r Houghe M^r Almer and M^r Edward^e w^{ch} was a lyve at the deathe of my ladye I will that my executors deliver unto my cosin Katherine Pilston dawghter unto my syster Davenport one fetherbed one flocke bedde one bolster and one pillowe of fustian ij blankett^e and ij coverlett^e a peyre of broade sheet^e of flaxen and my ladyes best fruntlet a cofer w^{ch} good^e were bequethed unto her by the will of my ladye Calveley her grandmother I will my executors deliver unto my cosin Hughe Davenport my sisters sone at his goinge to howse a longe tastinge spoone of sylver w^{ch} ys in a case and geven to him by the will of my ladye Calveley his grandmother I geave and bequethe unto my syster Davenport a blacke cloth gowne furred wth sharkes a blacke kyrtell of satin a Bridgges [*sic*] w^{ch} was parte of my ladies reyment I^m I geve unto my syster Howghe a blacke chamlet gowne furryd wth

grey a bonnett of blacke velvet wth a frontlet and a ringe wth a saphire w^{ch} was part of my ladyes raement Unto my sister Dorothe Almer a right black satin cirtell w^{ch} was part &c. Unto my sister Dame Johnne Leycester my flaggin cheyne of gold a harness gyrdell full of sylver studdes and gilt a ringe of gold wth the stone of a gesant in ytt and a great chaffer of maslen and a flaggin braslet of gold desyringe her to be good ladye unto Rauffe More To evye one of my systers beinge alyve at my death an old ryall of gold to make eyther one of them a ringe of to pray for my sole To my cosin Hughe Calveley my best cappe wth my bruche on hit my dagger and my sword the best armor that was my brother John Calveleys wth the best stile [or sile] sadell to pray for me To my cosin Wiffm Houghe the best cowe y^t I have Unto my cosin Thom̄s Houghe his brother xx^s in money Unto my cosin John Dutton a short gowne of taffeta and my twoo handed sworde To M^{rs} Elianor Dutton his bedfelow a fyne flaxen sheete to cover hir bedd when she lyeth in hale and an olde ryall of gold to make her a rynge of Unto my cosin Launcelot Bostshocke fyve pownds Unto my cosin Wiffm Almer my gylt raper Unto my cosin Hughe Davenport an other raper Unto my cosin Alice Byston x^s and x^s w^{ch} I lent her I forgeave her Unto my cosin Jane Elis xx^s and the best heffer calfe of ij yeres olde that I have To Wiffm Edwardc a colt w^{ch} I bowght of John Mynshull Unto my cosin Katerine Leycester xx^s in money a peticote of scarlet w^{ch} was my ladyes a bonnet of velvet wth a fruntlet and iij sylver spoones w^{ch} was bowght last at London haveinge ij l̄res at the endes of theym for my name Unto my cosin Dorothe Houghe a blacke chamlett gowne w^{ch} was my syster Elizabeth Gerrard to praye for her I will my executors deliver unto my sayd cosin Dorothe Houghe v markes w^{ch} was geven her by my brother John Calveley's will Unto my cosin John Davenport y^e best peyre of hose dowblet and sherte that I have and a little band in itt Unto my cosin Randall Davenport his brother a trottinge cowlt w^{ch} ys at Toft my buffe

girken my rydinge cloke Unto the rest of my sisters children w^{ch} I have geven nothings unto vj^s viij^d a pece Unto David Mathewe a fryseadow cloke and the best spruce girkin Unto my nephew George Calveley a masar bole wth a border of sylver and gilt abowt ytt a shirt of mayle wth the hed pece or murren therunto belonginge and an arminge sworde and my grey amblinge geldinge to pray for me Unto my cosin George Byston my night gowne of blacke damaske garded wth velvet and my velvet gyrken Unto my brother in lawe Richard Houghe my shorte secke clothe gowne garded wth velvet Unto my cosin Richard Olive my sealinge ringe w^{ch} hath an agonett stone in ytt Unto my cosin George Calveleys wyffe twoo shorte carpett^c of carpett woorke for the formes in y^e chapell and twoo silke pillowes of downe the one covered wth greene sarcenet and the other wth saten of Byrges [Here follow many bequests of tenements, lands, cottages, and gardens, to various individuals for life, paying the usual rents.] Unto John Minshull a redd taffeta doublet and a peyre of blacke hose Unto e^vye servant that ys dwellinge wth me at the daye of my death iij^s iiij^d a pece to pray for me Unto Wiffm Bannester and to his wyfe fyve markes I will and charge my executors that they shall take the lease of the psonage of Burlington and to receave the pfett^c thereof and to paye all soche debt^c and legacies as are my brother John Calveleys as ytt may appeare by his will and that my executors shall paye soche other legaces as ys not wthin his will This doone and his will pformed I will my sayd executors shall receave the rest of the pfett^c thereof and employ hit to the most pfett of Rauffe Calveley my bastard sone accordinge to the will of my brother John Calveley Unto Rauffe Calveley my bastard sone the leases w^{ch} I have of the manor and lordshipp of Sawghton and another lease w^{ch} I have of Church in Heath wth all my right title &c. Unto the sayd Rauffe Calveley my best cheyne of gold a dosen of the best sylver spoones my best salt of silver wth the cover my goblet of silver wth the cover my pownce peece of sylver wth all the rest of my howsehold

stuffe as beddinge brasse and pewter and all other my howsehold stuffe
 as well kye oxen yonge bestes horses mares w^{ch} are not in this will
 afore bequethed This donne my will pformed and discharged I wold
 charge my executors and overseers that my good^e wthin the howse
 and wthowte the howse maie be preysed by honest men and by the
 discretion of my executors and overseers that soche good^e as ys most
 needfull I wold have theym to sell hit and to take the rent^e of
 my farmes of Sawghton and Church in Heath and to see the same
 somes of money putt fowrth yerely unto some honest man's hand^e
 for the use and behoofe of Raufe Calveley my bastard sone Also I
 desire my executors and overseers that the sayd Raufe may be kept
 to learninge till he come to the age of xxj yeres Also I geave unto
 some learned man w^{ch} shalbe appoynted to preache by my cosin
 George Calveley fowre sermons in what churches he thinketh meete
 xx^s for his paynes Unto John Partynton the widow Turner Alice
 Grey Cicelye of y^e Buttes Crumpe of Churton John that dwelleth in
 the lane and the poore woman that come owte of Warton and Hughe
 Rannat^e wyfefe ev^y one of theym a hoope of wheate Unto Thomas
 Prickett wieffe of Aldforde a bushell of barley I will that my execu-
 tors shall make Case [sic] newe reymment and binde him prentise in
 London wth John Hondkin the teylor or to some other whome they
 thinke meete Unto S^r Raufe Leycester my brother in lawe my scarlet
 cloke and unto my cosin Wiffm Leycester his sone my best hand gonne
 Unto my brother Davenport an other hand gonne Unto my brother Al-
 mar the best dagge Unto my cosin John ap Elis an other dagge Unto
 my cosin Hughe Byston a pollaxe w^{ch} was my brother John Calve-
 leys Unto my cosin Hughkin Byston all my beddinge wth the bedde
 case the henginges of the chameber wth a cofer w^{ch} standeth at Lon-
 don wthin Holburne castell willinge him that Rauffe Calveley my
 sone maye be chameber felowe wth him when he cometh to the Innes
 of the Cowrte I will that the psone of Handley be payed for soche
 tiethe haye as my brother John Calveley was behind wth him I will

that my executors shall delyver unto the vicare of Seynt Warburge that nowe ys vj^s viij^d in satisfaction of soche tiethes and dutyes yf I were anye behynde at my death Ifm I will that my executors shall delyver to twoo poore men and twoo poore women in Bunburye pishe iij^s iiij^d a pece to praye for the sole of M^{rs} Byston who was late wyffe to my brother in lawe John Byston Ifm I will that my executors doe paye unto Seth Nicoll so moche money as he sayeth uppon his honestye he payd for the repleviynge of his bestes owte of Sawghton folde w^{ch} were pinned by my servant^e I will that my executors geave unto James Bulkeley iij^s iiij^d whome was wryter of this will. I desire my nephew George Calveley my syster Dame Jane Leyceter my nephew George Byston my brother in lawe Riċ Houghe esq^{ys} to be my executors And I desire M^r John Dutton of Dutton my cosin Richard Olive of Huxley to be overseers for Godde sake to see this my pūt last will executed and to doe for my sole as they wold be doone by as they shall answere me at the dreadfull daye of judgment in an other worlde In witnes whereof &c. I Anthonye Calveley have putt &c. at the manor of Sawghton the xiiijth daye of Maye in the vth yere &c. in the p^{es}entes of James Bulkeley wryter hereof

Anthonie Calveley.

Also I will and bequeth to my cosin Katerine Davenport a whyte heyffer off ij yeres olde incalfe Item I geave to Margerie Greene my cosin a whyte heyffer of a yere olde Item I geave to M^{rs} Hurleston my cosin a whyte heffar of ij yeres olde.

Hugo Calveley.

Robt^{us} Danold de Hanley.

Lancelo^f Bostock.

Johes Davenport.

Dorothea Almar.

Katerina Pilston oū ceteris.

THE WILL OF PHILIP EGERTON, OF
EGERTON, KNT.¹

IN the name &c. The xvijth daye of January in the yere of o^r Lord God mv^{ty}. ... and in the yere of the reygne of o^r so^vaygne ladie Elizabeth by the grace of God quene &c. the vth I Phillippe Egerton of Egerton wthin the countie of Chester knight beinge sycke in body and yet in pfett memorye thanks be to God do make this my last will and testament in maner and forme followynge first I bequethe my soulle to allmyghtie God that he for the greatt love and beningnitie that he dothe bere to mankind and for the passion he suffered apon the crosse for the redemption of man that he wyll receyve the same amongst his elect children and to o^r blessed ladye Saint Marye and all the hollye companye of heven to praye for me also I will that my bodye shalbe buried in the chappell of Budworthe wheras I do knell also I wyll that my dett^e and funerall^e shalbe discharged of my hoalle goode Item I will that ev^{ry} one of my yomen that wereth my lyvere shall have a blake cowett Item I gyve to Edward Pbin Phillippe Nevell and Thomas Underwood ev^{ry} one of them xl^s a pese and ev^{ry} one of them a blake cowett Item I geve to S^r Rauff Olton x^s and a blake gowen Item to ev^{ry} on of my yomen servaunt^e that do dwell or contynewe in my howse at the tyme of my deathe one holle yeres wag^e Item to ev^{ry} one of my

¹ No date of probate. The testator was son and heir of Philip Egerton of Egerton and Oulton Esq., by Joanna, daughter and coheiress of Gilbert Smith of Cuedrley in the county of Lancaster. He married Eleanor, daughter of Sir Randle Brereton of Malpas Knt., and dying 17th July 1563, was buried at Budworth. His son and heir, John Egerton, married Jane, daughter of Piers Mostyn of Talsore Esq., and was ancestor of Egerton, Earls of Wilton, and of Sir Philip de Malpas Grey Egerton Bart., of Oulton Park, M.P. and F.R.S., the present male representative of this ancient family. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 350.

husband servānt^e and wemen servānt^e one halfe yeres wag^e Item to Thomas Egerton¹ that ys at Ine of Cowert xⁱⁱ toward his exeibition Item I give to bestowe for John Cliffs sowle xⁱⁱ Item to Budworth churche x^l Item to Jane Egerton my doughter in lawe my longe damaske gowen Item to Thomas Venables my newe blake clothe gowen wth the garde of velvet Item I will my wyff shall have my gilte cup of sylver duringe her lyffe, and she to leave yt to John Egerton sonne and here of John Egerton Also I will that Dame Ellenor Egerton my wyf shall have all the rest of my good^e dyscharginge thes thinges above specifyed and for the better accomplishment of thes p^{re}sent^e I the sayd Phillippe Egerton do order constitute and make my welbeloved in Christ Dame Ellenor Egerton my wyfe and Thomas Venables of Ant^{re}bunⁿ [Antrobus] my trewe and lawfull executore for the pformance and accomplishment of this my last wyll and testament In wittnes whereof I the sayd Phillippe Egerton have put my seall the daye and yere above wrytten Sealed and delived in the p^{re}sence of these wyttnes whose names are subscribed Wylliam Smythe clarke Rauff Olton prest John Olton.

M^d this will was sent to Sir Richard Egerton² knight the xxiiijth day of February by S^r Phillipp Egerton knight to be singned by the hand of the sayd S^r Richard to the intent hit may well appere.

¹ Thomas Egerton, natural son of Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley, Knt., born about 1540, entered Brasenose College about 1556, and having taken his Bachelor's degree, was removed to Lincoln's Inn in 1559, where, in January 1562-3, his "exeibition" was augmented by his liberal kinsman the testator; Lord Chancellor of England, created Baron of Ellesmere 21st July 1603, and Viscount Brackley 7th November 1616, ancestor of the Earls and Dukes of Bridgewater. He died 15th March 1616-17. — Ormerod, vol. i. p. 348.

² Sir Richard Egerton of Ridley Knt., cousin to the testator and father of the Chancellor. — Ormerod, vol. ii. p. 162.

- Item that I have sold since God cauled for my husband of yonge
bease xxxvij the wth I have receyved xliij^{li} for.
- Item that I have receyved for corne since my husband died xx^{li}
- Item that there ys remeanynge yett xxxj kye by exstimacion of the
presers worth xxvj^s viij^d a pyce one wth another.
- Item that ther dothe remayne by exstimacion of the presers xij oxen
worth xxxij^s iiij^d a pyce one wth another.
- Item in howshold stufe that ther remayneth in the
parlar a longe bord a square bord and a cuppbord
wth the carpetes and a quishyns therto remayn-
ynge by exstimacion of the p^rsers worthe x^{li}
- Item ther ys in the great chamber ij fetherbeddes
and twoe boulsters and ij pyllowes and ij blan-
kettē and ij covlettē and a coverynge..... vi^{li}
- Item ther ys in the chamber over the butrie ij fether-
beddes and ij boulsters and ij pillowes and ij
blankettē and iiij covlettē and a covynge wth the
bed stockes therto belonginge iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d
- Item there ys in the wardens chamber ij fether beddes
and ij boulsters ij pillowes and ij blankettē iiij
covlettē and a covynge wth the bedstockes therto
belonginge iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d
- Item there is in the litell chamber ij fether bedes and
ij bolsters ij pillowes and ij blankettē iiij covlettē
and a covynge and the bedstockes thereto be-
longynge .. iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d
- Item in the ij bed chambers ij fether bedē ij boulsters
and ij blankettē iiij covlettē wth the rest that is
in the chamber..... iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d
- Item in my lords chamber ij fetherbedē ij bolsters

and ij pillowes and ij blankettē ij covlettē and a covynge w th the bedstocke and the stuffe there- to belongynge	iiij ^{li} xiiij ^s iiij ^d
Item in the chamber by the syde of the yeates ij fetherbedē and ij boulsters and ij covlettē and a covynge	iiij ^{li} vj ^s viij ^d
Item in the oxe howse a matteres a boulster ij covlettē	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
Item in the stable a matteres a boulster ij covlettē...	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
Item in the mylne a matteres a boulster ij covlettē...	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
Item that there ys in my ladies chamber ij fetherbedē and a matteres and ij boulsters ij covlettē and a covynge w th the rest of the stuffe therto belong- ynge	iiij ^{li} xiiij ^s iiij ^d
Item in Bulles chamber a matteres a boulster and ij covlettē	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
Item in Bokers chamber a matteres a boulster and ij covlettē	xiiij ^s iiij ^d

Item the kytchyn stuffe

Item the great panne Item ij litell pannes Item ij bygg skelletē
Item the great byffe pott Item the bryne pott Item the great potage
pott Item a greatt pot wth the snipe in Item ij medellynge pottē
Item ij litell pottē Item one mortar and a pestell Item one chafer
a byge one Item a litell posnett wth a steale Item a great caudron
Item the stuffe in the daye howse x^s Item the fornes wth the rest
of the stuffe in the brue howse iiij^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d Item the stuffe in the
buterye Item a syl^v salte Item ij litell goblettē of syl^v wth a cov^v
Item xiiij syl^v sponnes viij^{li} Item the rest of the stuffe in the buterie
xxx^s Item for horses that I have sold viij^{li} Item a mare and syxe
horses xiiij^{li} Pewter Item ix brode dyshes Item viij narowe dyshes
Item a xj smale dyshes Item vij sawcers Item a drepinge panne
Item ij goberdē Item iiij broches wth the rest of the kechyn stuffe
by estimacion v^{li} Item that my husbandes buriall cost xl^{li} Item that

the blakes cost xliⁱⁱ saynge x^s Item to that I have gyven to Thomas Edgerton¹ of Lyncole In a leven pounde that my husband left hym in his wyll.

[The other items are quite without interest.]

THE WILL OF SIR JOHN HOLCROFT OF HOLCROFT, KNT.²

IN the name &c. The seconde daye of December in the yere of our Lorde God 1559 and in the seconde yere of the reygne of our so^vaygne ladye Elizabeth by the grace &c. I S^r John Holdcroft of Holcroft the elder in the countie of Lankester knyght beyinge of good mynd &c. I wyll that all suche lande as I have gyven to Anne my wyff as apereth by dede that she shuld be at hyr lybertye to take the sayd lande or elle the thryd parte of all my lande and tenement whether she wyll And also I wyll that those lande that I have gyven unto my sonnes as appereth by sevall dedes remeanyng in the custodye of my cosyn Gylbart Gerrarde and the counter paynes lyeth in my chest where my evedensys is that they my sayd sonnes shall have and enjoye the sayd lande contened in the sayd sevall dedes accordyng unto the purporte and effecte of the sayd dede Also

¹ There is a difference between the amount of the legacy and that paid by the executrix to Thomas Egerton, the student at Lincoln's Inn.

² Sir John Holcroft, son and heir of John Holcroft of Holcroft Esq., by Margaret, daughter and coheiress of Hamlet Massey of Rixton, married Anne, daughter of Ralph Standish of Standish Esq., and had issue, besides the sons mentioned in the will, six daughters: Anne, wife of William Radcliffe of Wimmersley Esq.; Alice, wife of Sir Thomas Hesketh of Rufford Knt.; Ellen, wife of Francis Holte of Gristlehurst Esq.; Millicent, wife of Henry Talbot of Bashall Esq.; Clemence, wife of Richard Leigh Esq. of West Hall in High Legh; and Mary, who married Peter Warburton of Warburton and Arley Esq.

I wyll that my sayd cosyn Gylbart Gerrard¹ shall have fourtie shillinge by yeare durynge his lyff accordyng to a dede w^{ch} I have made hym I wyll that Thomas Holcrofte one other of my younger sonnes shall have twentye shillinge yearely out of my landes in Bowden in the countye of Chester durynge hys lyff w^{ch} lande I am at libertye to gyve or sell Also I wyll that Henry Holcroft one other of my yonger sonnes shall have yerely durynge his lyff other xx^s out of my sayd lande in Bowdon and Rostone aforesayd I wyll that Roger Holcroft one other of my younger sonnes shall have xx^s by yere durynge his lyff out of my sayd lande in Bowdon aforesayd I wyll that Anne my wyff shall have all the tethe corne hemp and flaxe yerely growyng wthin the lordshippes of Ryaley and Pesseferlong in the countye of Lankester duryng hyr lyff payinge yerelye therfore fyve pounde to the pson or farm^o of Wynwycke at mydsom^o and Martenmas by even portyons accordyng to one dede of gyft thereof by me made to her as by the same more playnlye dothe appere And also I wyll that S^r John Holcroft my eldest sonne shall have all the tethe corne hemp and flaxe wthin the lordshippe of Culchethe and the lordshippe of Holcroft payinge therfore yerely fyve pounde to the pson or farm^o of Wynwycke at mydsom^o and M^otenmas by even portyons And also I wyll that my wyff shall have duryng hyr lyff the tethe barne that standethe in a close late in the holdyng of Addam Shawe to sett her corne in wthout any rent payinge duryng her lyff And also I wyll that evy one of my soninlawes shall after my deceasse have of my goodde ten pounde w^{ch} is in the holl lx^{li} ether in goodde or ell^e in money to thentent they shall gyve the same to the maryage of one of theyere

¹ Sir Gilbert Gerard, son and heir of James (second son of William Gerard of Ince Esq.) by Margaret, daughter of John Holcroft of Holcroft, married Anne, daughter of Thomas Radcliffe and sister and heir of the half blood of William Radcliffe Esq. of Wimmersley, the testator's son-in-law, Attorney-General and Master of the Rolls to Queen Elizabeth, ancestor of Gerard Earls of Macclesfield and Lords Gerard of Gerards Bromley. — *Suffield MSS.*, and Ormerod, vol. i. p. 483.

doughters or p̄ferment of one of there childer by the advyse of my executors yf then the have any childer a lyve and yf not then the to have the sayd money to the use onelye of them selves Where I am in possession of a certen tenement w^{ch} I have of James Standyshe of Duckesburye Esquier for certen yeres yet induyng I wyll that Dame Anne Holcrofte my wyff shall have and enjoye the same teñt duryng all the sayd yeres and where the sayd James Standyshe standethe bownden unto me to make Anne [*sic*] a lease of the same I wyll that Hamlet Holcroft one of my younger sonnes shall have the pfitt therof And also wheare I have the custodye and maryage of Anne Ratclyff¹ I wyll that my executors shall use the same accordyng as Wiłm Ratclyff esquier brother to the sayd Anne shall thinke good Also I wyll unto S^r John Holcrofte my eldest sonne and heyre of my goodē suche percell as hereafter be specified for the entent that he shall suffer my executors to pforme this my last wyll and testament that is to saye all suche harnes as I have to serve the kyng and quenes maiesties in ther warre for my owne bodye one syl^v pott gylte and also one syl^v goblett a dosanne syl^v spones a salt of syl^v gylt and my sygnet of gold And also I gyve hym a bedd wth testures of redd sarcenet the bedstockes the fether bedd and all thinges belongyng to the same bedd And also I wyll that my sayd sonne shall have the one halfe of my bed stockes and the one halfe of my cupbordē cownters formes and longe bordē and the one halfe of my cheres and stooles And also I gyve hym the one halfe of my waynes cartes and teames of iron to the same trease collers spadē hatchytē harrowes ranges [?] and hookē And also I wyll that my wyff shall have all the other parte of the goodē aforesayd belonginge unto husbandrye Also I gyve hym two old oxen ij stures ij mares ij kye ij hefers ij swyne and a boore xx^{ti} shepe v bushellē of rye ten bushellē of barlye x syffes of otes Also I wyll that my sayd sonne shall have ij longe iron spittes a great pott that my cookes are wont or used to

¹ Afterwards wife of Sir Gilbert Gerard.

sethe byeffe in I gyve halfe a garnishe of pewter vessells to my sayd sonne I gyve hym the greatest mashe fatt wth all the lead^e and the gret yealyng^e combe I gyve hym the greatest saltinge tubbe to salt byeff in I gyve hym a gowne yf I have any at my deathe and a blake saten dublet to thentent he shall suffer my executors to pforme this my last wyll or ell^e I wyll that he shall have no parte of my good^e I wyll that Alis Holcroft my sonnes doughter shall have xx^{li} toward her maryage I gyve unto my wyff Dame Anne Holcroft duringe her lyff all the rest of my plate w^{ch} I have not gyven to thentente that she wylbe one other of my executors I wyll that after the deathe of my wyff that she shall leave to be gyven and to charge the executors to gyve the sayd plate unto my eldest sonne and soninlawes to be delt and distribute amongst them indeferently to thentent they wylbe good unto theyre wyff^e I gyve unto my cosyn Gylbart Gerard of Greis Inne one of my best horses or geldynges and one rynge of gold that hathe the seale of a horse in the same and fyve pound^e in money And I wyll that my sayd cosin shall have after the deathe of my wyff the newe howse wyth all the grownd belongynge unto the same whyche grownd I doe nowe occupye duryng^e his lyff payinge the rent at the dayes accustomed vij^{li} by yere to thentent he wilbe one other of my executors I gyve unto my cosyn Wylliam Gerard recordar of Chester v^{li} to thentent he wylbe one of my executors I wyll that Hamlet Holcroft be another of my executors and have a geldynge for his peanes I wyll that evy sarvant man boy or woman shall have all ther wages that the be unpaid whyche the same sarved for and one yeares wages more I wyll that my wyff shall kepe all my servant^e halfe a yere at meate and drynke and lodgynge yf the so longe wyll tary wth her untill the have prydyed them of service And also I wyll that my wyff shall not be stopped by my eldest sonne to dwell at my howse at Holcroft duryng^e the sayd halfe yere and in case he wyll stopp her then I wyll that he shall have no parte of good^e w^{ch} I have gyven hym I wyll that my best

apparell shalbe delt indyfferently amongst my soninlawes by the advise of my executors I gyve all my ryngē unto my wyff to bestowe them one my doughters as [she] shall thinke mete after her deathe or afore Also I doe gyve &c. unto my sonne Hamlett Holcroft all that mesuage and all the landē and tenementē called Lyttell Wolden in Caldworldshedd in the countye of Lankester late in the tenure or occupatyon of Thomas Rutter to have &c. unto the sayd Hamlett for and duryngē so manye yeares as the sayd Hamlett shall fortune to lyff and after the deathe of the sayd Hamlett then I wyll that all the pmysses shall remeane unto suche wyff as the sayd Hamlett shall fortune to have at the tyme of hys deathe for her naturall lyff and after [her] deceasse then unto my executors for the pformans of my wyll the sayd Hamlett and his sayd wyff payinge yearly unto the heyres of S^r Thomas Holcroft knyght decessed the yerely rent and servys dew and accustomed Where I hold certen grownde of my brother S^r Thomas Holcroft¹ for certen yeres called Musterd Fyldes the rent by yere xxv^s I wyll that my sonne Thomas Holcroft shall have them payinge the rent unto the sayd S^r Thomas Holcroft hys heyres or assynes at the rent dayes accustomed accordyne to the indenture therof made I gyve &c. unto my servant James Starkie one yerely rent of xx^s duryngē his lyff and hee to receave the same out of my landē in Pynnyngton Also I wyll that my executors shall receave yerely xl^s out of my landē in Pynnyngton called Pynnyngton land to the use of suche prest and chappelen as shall dwell wth me at the tyme of my deathe for terme of the lyff naturall of the sayd preist and he to serve my wyff duryngē her lyff she fyndyngē hym meate drinke and lodginge and after her deceasse to serve my eldest sonne and yf they wyll not see doo he to have the sayd xl^s and serve at hys pleasure I wyll that Wylliam Clowghe and Wylliam Whittell w^{ch} have byne my servantē lounge shall have the same tenementē w^{ch} the now

¹ Sir Thomas Holcroft of Vale Royal, an esquire of the body to King Henry VIII., knighted at Leith in 1544.

dwell in duryng the lyffe payinge all rent &c. Also I desyre my
 eldest sonne and heyre and also my executors that the shall see that
 the sayd Wyllyam Clughe and Wyllyam Whyttell to occupie ther
 sayd tenement wthout fyne payinge unto any man as the wyll answere
 me in an other world I wyll that my executors gyve unto the poore
 at my buriall vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d or after the sayd buryall and I wyll that
 my executors my son in lawes and theyre wyffes have evy one of
 them a blake gowne and my childer that are at my buryall in lyke
 case gownes and evy servant a blake coote and my pryst a blake
 gowne I give &c. toward the glasinge of Winwicke church xx^s
 and towardes the glasinge of Standishe church xx^s Hytt is my wyll
 and desyre my wyff my sonne and all other that hathe any land of
 my gyft that the shall not take any fynes or trowbell any tennant that
 have leases of me duryng the sayd leases nor that the shall take any
 fynes or gressomes of any tennant that hathe payd me any money as
 shall appere by a booke of my hand wrytyng as the wyll answere
 me afore God in another world I wyll that my sonne Hamlett Hol-
 croft shall have one harnys that ys to saye a plate coote or jake a
 sallett a payre of spentes and a halbert and in lyke case Thomas
 Holcroft and James Starkye evy one of them a harnys and all
 thinge as is aforesayd the resydue of all my goodes my dett and
 legasys well and trewly contented and payd and my body brought
 to Christen buryall I wyll that the shall be dyvyded my good one to
 my selfe the w^{ch} I gyve the one halfe to my wyff and the other part
 to my sonnes into thrie part wherof I wyll my wyff shall have one
 part and the other part to be equally devyded amongst my sonnes
 Hamlett Thomas Harry and Roger I wyll that in case the tennant
 of Culchethe wyll purches vj^{li} xij^s iiij^d of land to be made suer for
 ev to hyer a pryst wth and that he shall have for hys wages v^{li} xij^s
 iiij^d and the clarke xx^s then I wyll and gyve toward the same my
 best cheane of gold or the valew therof and in case that the wyll bye
 no land then I gyve them x^{li} of money toward the hyryng of a

pryst then the rest of my cheane to be devydyd betwyxte my wyff and my sonnes Wher ther is a seddule hereto annexed what grownd lyeth to my new howse of w^{ch} I wyll my cosyn Gerrard shall have payinge the rent aforesayd I shall desyer hym that in case he wyll not dwell at hytt hym selfe then he to lett Hamlet Holcroft my sonne to have yt by a reasonable rent Item I gyve to my sayd sonne Hamlet Holcroft y^e lande w^{ch} I purchest of Robart Mather and now in the tenure &c. of Christofer Gest to have &c. to the sayd Hamlet during his naturall lyff Item I gyve unto Mathew Bottell my 3vant xl^s Item I gyve unto John Braddell¹ for the love I bere to hym xx^s in money desyrynge hym to be frendly to my chyldren Also I doo make my trustye and welbelovyd wyff Dame Anne Holcroft my welbeloved cosyn Gylbart Gerrard esquier the quenes maiesties gen^l attorney my trustie cosyn and frend Wyllyam Gerrard esquier recorder of Chester and my sonne Hamlett Holcroft [my executors] And also I desyer the ryght honorable eyrle of Darbye that in case my executors cannot agrey wth my childer then hys lordshyp to call them afore hys sayd lordshipe and to make an end amongst them and his lordshipe to have vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d for hys peanes And I make thes my supervisors my son in lawes that is to say Thomas Haskythe knyght Peter Warburton esquier Wyllyam Ratcliff esquier Harry Talbot esquier ffrancys Holte esquire and Richard Ley esquier In witnes wherof &c. I gyve to Sr Thomas Stanley my velvett gowne w^{ch} is unlyned Unto Rychard Massye of Ryxton esquier the velvett coote w^{ch} was my brothers Unto my cosyn John Culchet my satten coote Unto Thomas Swytloff one cow wth calfe or one hefer wth calfe and two bussell of barlye Unto my sonne Hamlett Holcroft my best cloke Unto Edward Shawe two bullockes I wyll that where I had a mare of John Rysley that hys chyldren shall have money for her at the

¹ John Braddyll of Brockholes and Whalley Esq.; like the Holcrofts, a large purchaser of abbey lands.

syght of neighbours Unto Anne Shawe the howse w^{ch} was her faders.

[Extracts from "A trew and lawfull Inventorye of all singuler goodē dettē and cattellē w^{ch} where S^r John Holcrofte knyght at the tyme of his deathe praysed the v daye of ffebruarii and afowre that daye by Charles Sothurne James Bate John Pendulton John Lyon and others."]

Cattell.

Inp ^r mis v yocke of oxen p ^r ce of evy yocke one		
w th another v marke	xvj ^{li}	xiijs ^s iiij ^d
Item xxvj kyne the p ^r ce for evy cow xxix ^s	xxxviij ^{li}	xjs ^s
Item ix stewres the p ^r ce xxiijs ^s a pece	x ^{li}	vij ^s iiij ^d
Item xxviij twynturs p ^r ce xvij ^s a pece	xxiiij ^{li}	iiij ^s
Item xix calves	vij ^{li}	
Item ij coltē of ij yeres old xx ^s a pece		xl ^s
Item one wytt mare the p ^r ce iiij marke.....		liijs ^s iiij ^d
Item one dunne mare.....		vjs ^s viij ^d
Item one grey nagge		xxxiijs ^s iiij ^d
Item one baye geldynge		xxvj ^s viij ^d
Item lvij wethers iijs ^s a pece	viij ^{li}	xjs ^s
Item xj tuppes ijs ^s ij ^d a pece		xxiijs ^s x ^d
Item c and ix ewes ijs ^s iiij ^d a pece	xij ^{li}	xiijs ^s iiij ^d
Item lxxxij lambes ijs ^s a pece.....	viij ^{li}	vjs ^s
Item xxxij swyne vs ^s a pece.....	viij ^{li}	

Corne.

Item viij syffes of ottē batynge ij mettē at viijs ^s		
the syffe	iiij ^{li}	ijs ^s
Item v bossell of barlye at vij ^s the bossell		xxxvs ^s
Item vij bussell of barlye vjs ^s viij ^d the bussell.....		
Item v bussell lyght ottē at xvj ^d the bussell		vjs ^s viij ^d

Item a bussell of weate	xvj ^s
Item ij mettē	vij ^s

Syl^v and Plate.

Inp ^r mis in money	lxiij ^{li}	
Item a bassyn and an ewer of syl ^v	xij ^{li}	vj ^s viij ^d
Item ij cannes of syl ^v	vij ^{li}	
Item a nest of goblettē of syl ^v ...	ij ^{li}	
Item a nest of bowles	iiij markē	
Item ij cuppes of syl ^v	xl ^s	
Item a standynge cuppe of syl ^v	xl ^s	
Item iij syl ^v saltes ij of them w th cov ^s	xl ^s	
Item syl ^v spones ij dosyn and x spones	vj ^{li}	

Howsehold stuff at Holcroft.

Item in the corral chamber hengett w th yalowe and blue buckeram	}	xl ^s	
Item in the lityll chamber next unto the corner chamber			
Item in the medull chamber above hengett w th old tapester			
Item in the grene chamber hengett aboute w th panted ares worke			
Item in the great chamber called the dynynge parler havinge hengynge in the wyndowes of yalowe and read sea			
Item in the red chamber henget abowte w th red paynted worke	}	iiij ^{li}	vj ^s viij ^d
Item in on of hyst chambers ov ^o the gate hanget w th paynted worke of yalowe and redd			
Item in the other in y ^e parler of the heyst cham- bers henget wyt yalowe and blue			

Item xij quysshions	ij ^{li}	v ^s
Item a carpet in the sayd parler	ij ^{li}	xij ^s iij ^d

In the Buttery at the newe hall.

In p ^r mis iij pewter saltes	ij ^s
Item ij flagyns for wyne.....	vij ^s
Item ij dosen of plate trenchers.....	vij ^s
Item xij candulstyckes	xx ^s
Item vj pewter cannes	xvj ^s
Item ij dosyn of boxe trenchers.....	vij ^d

THE WILL OF EDWARD JANNY OF MANCHESTER,
MERCHANT.¹

IN the name &c. the xxijth day of July in the yeare of our Lord God a thowsand ffyve hundrethe ffyfte and three I Edward Janny of Manchester in the countie of Lancaster marchaunt beyng not sicke nor dyseased but of good and pfecte mynd and memorie &c. &c. ffyrst and pryncypally I offer gyve and bequethe my soule to allmyghtie God or Lady Saynt Marye and all the blessed company of heaven trustinge by the merytes of Christe passion yt to be on of the nomber that shalbe elect and chosen into evlastynge glorye there to be and remeyne wth Abraham Isaach and Jacob in the kyngdome of heaven and my body to be buried in the pishe church of Manchester or wheare hyt shall please almyghtye God I wyll that my wyfe shall have all my howshold good^e in Manchester holy to her selfe And also all my howses shoppes and tackes in Manchester duryng her lyff she payinge all rent^e and duties for the same (the

¹ No date of probate. For a notice of the testator see *Notitia Cestr.* vol. i. p. 314, Note 11.

shop and higher shop and chamber o^v the same w^{ch} I nowe occupie my selfe reserved) And also the thridd pte of all my good^e yf she be so contentyd And yf she be not then I wyll that upon my cost^e my executors and she doe take ij lerned men and the indyfferentlye to see what the lawe wyll she shuld have and she to have the same wthout further busynes I wyll &c. imedyatly after her decesse all my howses shopp^e gardeyns and tackes w^{ch} I have in Manchester (the tavne at the Smythe Dowre only reserved) to Henry Aleyn hys heyres and assignes for e^v I wyll that the sayd Henry have xx^{li} of money he to help hys mother as he shall see cause or as she have nede Also I wyll gyve &c. to her sonne Robt x^{li} And more o^v where I have an advowson and lease of the vicarage of Bawden whereof certeyn yeres be yet remeynyng for certeyn consyderacōns me movynge I gyff &c. all my ryght tytle &c. w^{ch} I have in the same to my frend Robert Vaudraye his heyres and assignes upon condycyon that he or they do make at all tymes to Thomas Vaudray brother to the sayd Robert V. or his assignes at ther demande one sure suffi- cyent and lawfull assuraunce of all the howsyng and glebe land^e of the sayd vycarage wth all other esyament^e that to the same do be longe to have to hym and his assignes duryng all my sayd terme and lease of the same wthout any rent payinge And also that the sayd Robert and his heyres ayde hym in all his ryghtfull causes in all other land^e and tackes now lyinge to the same And where I have payd to Thomas Mynshull for two closes and one medowe for x yeres yet to come I forgyffe hym and his wyff all the same wth v^{li} w^{ch} he oweth me more upon condycyon he suffer the sayd Thomas V. to occupye the sayd closes duryng hys lyff he payinge to the sayd Thomas or his assignes xxij^s by yeare duryng the sayd terme And also the sayd Thomas Mynshull takynge suche a waye wth my especyall mayster S^r John Holcroft knyghte as he be contented wth for the same occupacyon And yf the sayd Thomas M. do not take suche a waye as before is sayd then I wyll he shall pay to the sayd

Thomas V. the sayd some of v^{li} and suffer hym to occupye the sayd grownd accordynge to thagrement made betwene hym and me I gyff to John Janny of Northerden all suche debts as he owethe me and all the occupacyon of suche grownd as I hold of hym in Tymperley I gyff to Edward Jannye sonne of the sayd John my god sonne iij^{li} vj^s viij^d To Rauffe Janny xl^s and to evy one of his chyldren iij^s iiij^d To Alys Chatterton doughter of George Chatterton xx^{ti}^s nobles in recompence of all reconyngē betwyxt her father and me yf any were Also to the mother of Elizabeth Sutton vj^{li} xiiij^s iiij^d to be bestowed amongst hir chyldren as she thynkyth good To my servaunt M^r gery Lees and Elizabeth Lees to eyther of theym fourtie shillingē To Elizabeth Janny doughter of my unkell James Janny xl^s to be put into an honest mans keepynge and delyv^d her as nede shall requyre To the wyff of Richard Royle xx^s To Isabell her suster vj^s viij^d To the chyldren of Rondull Manwarynge xliij^s in recompence of all reconyngē betwyxt my brother Gee¹ and me yf any were and suche moneye as he owethe me to be alowed in the same Where Rychard Shalcrosse and I have a purchase of the tavne at the Smythe Dore in Manchester I gyff my pte of the same to my godson Edward Shalcrosse and hys heyres sone to the same Rychard he makynge sufficyent and lawfull assurannce of xiiij^s iiij^d yerely to be payd for ev^y fourthe of the same to the churche wardens of Manchester for the tyme beyngē to be by theym yerely bestowed on the repacyon of the condut there And yf there be not way taken that the sayd condut may be suffered and mayntayned there for the comen welthe of the sayd towne I wyll that the sayd churche wardens do bestowe and gyff the same yerely for ev^y to the most pore and nedy people of the towne of Manchester forsayd To George Jonson xl^s of money and all suche debtē as he owethe me To the executors of Wylliam Prowlaf xl^s in

¹ Probably Henry Gee, citizen and alderman of Chester, who appointed his brother Edward Janny overseer of his will dated 2nd September 1545. He owned lands in Manchester and considerable estates in Cheshire.

recompence of suche money as he shuld have had fourthe of the howse of Pyers Hall To John Pedley xl^s and to Wyllyam Hardey iij^s iiij^d To Hamnet Worseley xij^s iiij^d To Wyffm Parker and Roger Urnестon to eyther of theym iij^s iiij^d To the chyldren of Thomas Massye of Ape-thrope xij^s iiij^d to be devyded amongst theym as my executors shall thynke most nedefull To the chyldren of Edmunde Guden xij^s iiij^d to be lyke wyse devyded I gyff to Adam Holland my bowe and arrowes To the sonne of John Canocke my godson vj^s viij^d and to evy godson I have iiij^d To the wyff of Edward Sympton of Bawden a pere of hose of what clothe she wyll in the shop To Edward Glov and Alys Sedall to eyther of theym v^s To Thomas Assheton of Manchester Edward Royle of Tymperley M^ogaret doughter of Rychard Massye of Oldfeld John Massye of Manchester to evy of theym iij^s iiij^d To the chyldren of John Hylton iij^s iiij^d To the wyff of Thomas Assheton to Thomas Laborer the wyff of Elize Sedull Wyllyam Hulton Rauffe Raussion John Veyrey Rauff Hylton James Warton and Nycholas Hechemoght to evy of theym ij^s I wyll that my executors shall bestowe evy weke durynge one whole yere next after my decesse v^s amongst the pore and especyallye amonge the nyde [needy] sycke foulke of the towne were the thynke most nedye by thadvyce of Mestres Bekke To Alyson Gebon one Henry Janson of Tymperley to eyther of theym xij^d To the mendynge of the lane betwyxte Altryncham and the logher end of Tymperley xij^s iiij^d To the mendynge of the lane and makynge of the brydge betwyxt Tymperley Grene and Halefeld xij^s iiij^d To the porest howse holders in Bawden pyshe to be bestowed by the dyscretyn of my executors iij^{li} vj^s viij^d I do forgyff all suche debtes as be wrytten in a byll remaynyng wth this my last wyll accordyngley as they be there in wrytten I wyll that my executors do gather in my debtes by gentylnes and not by the lawe yf the may other wyse have theym I gyff to my suster M^ogaret vj^{li} To her sonne Edward my good wyll of my howse in Tymperley wherin my suster M^ogarett dwellythe by lycence of my

mayster S^r Rychard Bullen knyght desyrynge hym to be good mayster to hym my executors agreynge wth hym for the same I wyll that Jarvys Tetlowe shall have my best gowne faced wth damaske My gowne of new color faced wth chamlet I wyll that Thomas Cropper shall have To Thomas Hunt glov^y my new colered gowne that ys ffurred and faced wth budge I gyff the rest of all my other garmente to Henry Aleyn I wyll bequethe &c. all my lande teñte &c. w^{ch} I have purchased of Wiſſm Chatterton (the Cloghe Ryddyng only except) to my frend and kynseman Robert Vaudray¹ to have and to hold to hym and his heyres and assignes to hys and there only pper use he makynge suffycyent assuraunce of iiij^{li} yerely to be payd to a suffycyent and honest scole mayster to kepe a ffre scole at Bawden to instruct youthe in vertue and lerninge And also the sayd Robert V. payinge to Alexander Kyrsha threscore pounde w^{ch} I owght to hym I wyll that he gyff and make one sure suffycyent and lawfull annuytie of xx^s by yere to my servant Thomas Janny for terme of hys lyff and on other dutie of xx^s by yere unto Thomas Pilkynnton for terme of hys lyff I beqwethe to Thomas Janny and Rauff Hopwood my servaunte eyther of theym iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d Also I wyll that John Orell shall have xx^{li} of the last payment he oght me forgyven hym he doinge and keypyng all his other paymente justly and truly I wyll that all these my legacies bequeste and gyfte as be nedefull shalbe wth all spede be fulfilled and pformed and yf my debte can not be spedely had to fulfill all theym I wyll that those that my executore thynke by ther dyscretyon have lest ned and mey best tarry and bayre the same so to theym gyffen shall tarrye the tyme tyll the sayd dette be gotten in And also I wyll that yf my goode wyll not

¹ Robert Vawdrey of Riddings Gent., by will dated 12th February 1567-8, entails lands in Cheshire upon his children subject to a payment "to an honest and learned schoolemaster duryng all such tyme as he shall teach grammar schoole at Bowdon or Altrincham yearly iiij^{li} xvj^d." This no doubt is the reason why Vawdrey has had the credit of being the founder of the school, while it is really due to the liberal and benevolent Manchester merchant.

extend to paye and pforme all these my legacies and bequeste that my executore shall abate as the thynke good by theire dyscretioun from suche as they thynke may best beyre and for goe the same And yf there be any ovplus then I wyll that my sayd executors shall dystribute the same amongst my pore frende as they shall thynke nedefull And I ordeyn &c. and make my most trusty frende Robert Vaudray of the Ryddyngē gent Rychard Shalcrosse Thomas Redyson of Manchester m^ochaunt and Henry Aleyn my executors &c. And for theyre paynes therin to be taken I wyll that evy on of theym have fyve m^oks In witnes &c. These beyngē witnes Thomas Pilkington Robt Leghe and others.

THOME LEYLAND DE MORLAYES ARMIGERI
TESTAMENTUM¹ CUM INVENTORIO.

IN Dei noīe Amen The second day off Apryll in the yeare off owr Lord God a thowsand ffyve hundrethe threscore and twoe and in the ffourthe off the reygne off owr soveraygne Ladye Elizabethē

¹ Proved 23rd September 1564. Sir William Leyland of Morleys Knt. married Anne, daughter and heiress of Allen or Alan Singleton of Withgill in the county of York, by whom he left a son and heir, Thomas Leyland the testator, Anne, wife of Henry Blundell of Crosby Esq., and Margaret, wife of Thomas Parr of Parr Esq. — *Harl. MSS.* 1549, fo. 59; and 1408, fo. 159. Margaret Parr afterwards married a Byrom. From the *Suffield MSS.* it appears that Sir William married Alice, daughter of Sir Edmund Trafford of Trafford Knt. She would be a second wife, and afterwards married Sir Urian Brereton of Honford Knt. by whom she had a family. Sir William Leyland's inquisition post mortem is dated 1 Edward VI., at which time his son and heir Thomas was 33 years of age. Thomas Leyland his son and heir married Anne, daughter of George Atherton of Atherton Esq., by whom he had a daughter and heiress, Anne, wife of Edward, younger son of Thurstan Tildesley of Wardley, Esq. See p. 97. In Fox's *Acts and Monuments*, vol. iii. pp. 775-6, fol. ed. 1684, there is an account of Mr. Leyland's search for and examination of Jeffrey Hurst, brother-in-law of George Marsh the martyr, who would have been committed to Lan-

&c. I Thomas Leylande off the Morlayes wthin the countie off Lancaster esquier beinge in good healthe &c. doe ordeyne &c. this my last will and testament in manⁿ &c. ffyrst I geve and bequethe my soule into the handes off Almyghtye God owr Ladye Saynt Marye and all the holye companye off saynt^e in heaven and my bodye to christian buryall wthin my owne chapell at Leyghe churche called Saynt Nycolas chapell my ffeate neare adyöyng to my alter And my mynd and will is to have a ffayre stone layed over me wth scripture sett rounde aboute uppon the sayd stone as hereafter ensueth Praye for the sowle off Thomas Leylond esquier sonne and heyre off S^r Wiſſm Leylond knyght w^{ch} heare lyethe Buryed the daye and yeare as Almyghtye God shall apoynte And also to have an image off brasse as ys used uppon the same stone And to have throttene blacke gownes geven to poore [*sic*] And ev^ery one off my howshold yomen servant^e to have a blacke coete accordyng to the use off the cuntrye Also I geve &c. to my servant S^r Rauff Parker preist yf he be lyvyng after my deceasse fyve poundes yearlye duringe the terme off my lease w^{ch} I have in the teathe cornes and graynes of Astele to be taken upp off the same duringe all the terme off all the yeares w^{ch} shall chaunce not to be determined expended and expyred the daye of my deathe And off [if] my sayd lease w^{ch} I have off John Urme-
ston wyll nott extende so ffarre That the sayd S^r Rauff to have to make hit upp ffyve pound^e off the lease w^{ch} I have off Anne Blundell my suster And yff the sayd S^r Rauff decease afore the ende off the sayed leases then ffowre poundes off the sayd lease to goe to S^r Robert Taylyor duringe the sayd terme yff he be then lyvinge And yff hit chance the sayd S^r Robert then to be deputed then the sayd ffoure poundes yearlye to be bestoed uppon some other honest preist

caster had not the death of Queen Mary prevented it. His death was sudden; for "in July, as the foresaid Tho^s Lelond sate in his chair talking with his friends, he fell down suddenly dead, not much moving any joint: and such was his end; from such God us defend." — P. 777. His age was about fifty years.

duringe the sayd terme off the sayd lease by the dyscretion off my executors Also I geve to the amendinge and reypearinge off my sayd chapell att Leighe fortye shillinge to be bestoed uppon it suche tymes as neede shall requiare Also I geve to S^r Robert Taylyor yff he be alyve att my deceasse x^s And to S^r Symond Bradshaye yf he be alyve att my deceasse vj^s viij^d And to everye preste off the sayd pisse off Leyghe the day off my buryall xij^d And to all other preste viij^d a pice Also I geve &c. to everye one off poore howsholders dwellinge wthin Astele iiij^d a pice Also whereas I am att libertye att my pleasure to geve and bequethe the yearelye rente and profette off tenne pounde [from] landes by yeare to my doughter Alis Leylonde unto suche tyme as twoe hundrethe m^okes be taken uppe towarde her maryage p^rferment and advancemēt hit is my mynde and will that my executor shall se a dede accomplisshed w^{ch} was mayd by [me] the sayd Thomas Leylond unto my sayd doughter Alis berynge date the twentye day off februarye in the ffourthe years off the raygne off owre soveraigne ladye Quene Elizabeth &c. accordynge to the trew entente and meanyng off the same dede Also wheareas I have gyven and delyvered unto my servante yomen whos names be subscribed in a sedull hereunto adnexed assygned wth my hand everye one off them a sil^v sponne wth T and L uppon the ende and everye off them xx^s in moneye and I nowe to have the use off theym duryng my naturall lyfe accordynge to a dede theroff made hit is my mynde and will that the same spones and moneye shalbe delyvered the daye off my buryall or wthin tenne dayes next folowyng att after my decease accordinge to the trew entente and meanyng off the dede to my servants I gyve unto John Perkeynson one incalfe cowe Unto Thomas Woodborne my bed w^{ch} standes in my chamber neare unto my chapell wth twoe covlette ij blankette ij shete the ffether bedd and the bolster To my suster M^ogarrett Byrome and Elizabeth Sutton ayther a blacke gowne and eyther an owle ryall off gold And to my suster Anne Blundell wydowe a blacke gowne and

a dowblett dokett And to my baster sonne Roger Leylonde syx poundes and iiij syl^v spones towards his helpe succor and p^rferment Also I gyve &c. to hym that shall wryte this my last wyll x^s To my executors every one off them a blacke gowne Also I have gyven by dede to everye one off my worke servant^e iij^s iiij^d a pice bothe men and women To my cosin Grace Shirburne now wyff to Roger Shirburne gent a payre off flaxen shet^e Unto Wiſſm Wolfall one cowe incalfe Also I gyve &c. one shorte worsted gowne wth all my apparell w^{ch} is mayd and shapen for my bodye to my servant^e w^{ch} be in the chamber about me in my sycknes that is to saye Thomas Woodborne Wyſſm Wolfall Jhon Perkynson and Jhon Spekemon silk saten damaske and worsted onlye excepted Also wheare I am bounden to leave twoe greate leades and one iron coffer att my howse called the Morlayes it is my mind and will that my executors shall delyver the same to my ryght heyres off the Morlayes there to remayne as heyre lomes for ever accordynge to the obligacion whearein I stande bounden to S^r Uryan Brereton and others off my ffathers executors Also I gyve &c. to my suster Anne Blundell wydowe one ffetherbed twoe covlett^e ij payre off newe flaxen shet^e a payre off blankett^e and a bolster To my cosin Wiſſm Talbott one rynge wth a seale off stone off redd Unto my cosin John Talbott of Salisburie esquier eyther a sattyn or a damaske gowne wheather shall please hym and also my howpe off gold Unto John Urmeston a ringe of gold wth a diamond in hit and a gowne Also it is my mynde and will that all my hows-hold servant^e bothe men and women shalbe kepte to gether uppon my cost^e and charg^e the space off one hole monthe next after my decease at my howse called the Morlayes I will that my executor^e shall geve blacke at my buryall att their discretion Also I gyve &c. unto Thomas Tyldisley sonne unto my sonne in lawe Edward Tyldisley twoe sil^v spones and one angell off gold Unto my worshipfull cosin S^r Rychard Shirburne knyght one rynge off gold wth a turke stone in hit Unto my nevyne Rychard Blundell one ffetherbed and

all thinges thearunto belonginge And also I ordeyne &c. my wel-beloved cosin John Talbott off Salisburye esquier John Urmeston gen^t and S^r Rauff Pker preist my executors And my ryght worshypfull cosin S^r Rychard Shirburne knyght supvisor In witness &c. thes being witnes off the same George Caterall James Bolton Wiltm Wolfall John Spakeman Thomas Clyffe et aliis.

Inventoriū om̄ et singulorū bonorū et catellorū que fuerunt Thome Leylonde armige^r nup defunct vere apprecia^t p Johem Southworthe Johem Massie Ranulphū Smythe et Robtū Traves.

In primis xxj fether beddes xxvij bolsters xj pillowes xxx covlett^e l blankett^e vj bed covinges ij sayes and one quylte xxxiiij^{li} ix^s Item ij carpett^e ij cobord clothes xxj^s Item xxvj quysshens l^s Item the byff pott and one calderon xxix^s Item v other pottes and iiij litle pannes xx^s Item iiij chafynge dysshes and ij brasen ladell^e ij^s x^d Item ij fryinge pannes and one flesshe hooke xij^d Item iiij kytchyn knyves viij^d Item iiij grydyrones ij drypinge pannes iron rack^e Item pott hookes mole ironnes and viij iron^e spittes xiiij^s Item one brasen mortar one pestell and a fleshe axe vij^s Item iiij garnysse off pewter ij old dysshes and vj potengers v^{li} vj^s viij^d Item v payre off ffyretonges xx^d Item in the daye howse iiij pannes one potte wyth all treen vessell in the same xxviij^s iiij^d Item in the backe howse one brasse panne vj^s viij^d Item one cage wth cole and cañell v^s vj^d Item xx payre off canvas shet^e l^s Item xxxj payre off flaxen shet^e x^{li} Item vj bord clothes and one diap clothe xij^s Item xj towell^e and xxxix buterye napkens xvij^s viij^d Item ix worse bord clothes and ix worse towell^e xiiij^s Item xix pillowbeares xxiiij^s Item a damaske gowne a saten gowne and a velvet cote x^{li} Item ij saten dublett^e and one velvet gykyne xx^s Item one velvett hatt and one velvett cappe xiiij^s iiij^d Item ij wolsted gownes ij clothe gownes ij clothe cotes ij payre off hose one dublet j cloke v^{li} Item iiij carchaffes xij shirt^e and iiij napkennes xliiij^s iiij^d Item xxviij payre off bedstockes liij^s iiij^d Item in

sponnes lx onces and iij also one goblett wth a cover xij onces also one salt wth a cover duple gylt xij onces also one other salt wth a cover and pcell gylte viij onces also sil^v cuppes and ij covers xxj onces xxv^{li} vij^s Item one cheane off golde xxxvij^{li} Item iiij bassines iiij ewers ij pewter cannes ij voyders ij pewter saltē and xij sawser trenchers xxvij^s Item xiiij candelstickes off maslen and ij off tynne xv^s Item vj almeres vj cupbordes and iiij counters xlvj^s viij^d Item vessellē in the larder xij^s iiij^d Item in the brewhowse xij stonde iiij keares iij hogshedē xxxij^s iiij^d Item ij brendrethes v arkes ij deyshenes xxix^s iiij^d Item all the bed henges in all the howse xxx^s Item a leade in the kylne vij^s viij^d Item instre-mentē pteyngē to husbandrye of irō hengbletē liij^s iiij^d Item xv colffers a bassine and a ewer and a wasshinge bassen iiij^{li} vij^s Item a sumpter saddle and a stoned horse iij^{li} Item xij styrkes x twinters and x oxen xxxvij^{li} Item xiiij calves and xvij kyne xxvij^{li} x^s Item xij old horses and one baye geldinge ix^{li} iij^s iiij^d Item iij boares ij sowes and xx yonge swyne v^{li} xvj^s viij^d Item vij fatt beasse x^{li} Item xvij gese and xl duckes xj^s viij^d Item and [sic] acres off barlye and xxij acres off otes xxxvij^{li} Item ij acres and a halffe in wheate v^{li} Item xij acres off haye and ij yonge mayres viij^{li} Item iij hundrethe loode off turves xl^s Suma totalis ccxj^{li} iiij^s iiij^d.

M^d that the ffuⁿall expencē and buryall cōythe to in all lxx^{li} Dettē owynge by the sayd Thomas Leylonde liiij^{li} ij^s vj^d.

Thees be the names off my servante yomen to, whome I have [bequeathed] the said spones and money unto as followeth In p^rmis Edmonde Leye xx^s and a spōne [The same to] Wyllyam Wolfall Thomas Wodborne John Spakemā Thomas Beselaye Thomas Clyffe John Pkinson Nicolas Woorslaye Item Wifm Ptington xx^s.

RICARDI BRERETON DE LEY¹ ARMIGERI DEFUNCTI
TESTAMENTUM CUM INVENTORIO.

IN the name &c. The xxiiijth daye of ffebruarii in the yeare of o^r Lorde God 1557 I Richarde Brereton of the Ley in the countie of Chester esquier beyng hole in bodie and of pfecte memorie thanke be to o^r Lord God oñipotent but dreadinge the unctayne houre of deathe when itt shall come w^{ch} is naturallie incident to all men do make my last will and testament in manⁿ and forme folowinge ffirste I bequethe my sowle to almyghtye God maker of all thinges and to o^r blessed Ladie &c. Imp^rmis I do give &c. unto my sonne and heire apparant George Brerton two saltē of silv^{er} gilte thone wth a cov^{er} to the same saute belonginge and another litle trencher salte of silv^{er} and gilte wth a cov^{er} to the same belonginge Unto my said sonne George Brereton thirteyne greate silv^{er} sponnes wth gilte kneppes uppon the endes of everye of them and two lres beyng a P and a B graven upon everye of them Unto my sayd sonne George a drinkege cuppe of silv^{er} and gilte wth a cov^{er} to the same cuppe belonginge Unto my sayd sonne George a greate maser bounde aboute wth silv^{er} two greate ringē of base gould upon either of them a seale thone is graven wth a beast lyinge under a tree and thother havinge a dyamonde in the same Unto my said sonne George Brereton my chayne of gould wayinge thirtie and three poundē [sic] Unto my said sonne George B. one greate chalice beinge dowble gilte Unto my two dowghters Anne B. and Jane B. all the residewe and rest of my goodes moveable and unmovable and debtē dewe unto my executors to be equallye devyded and distributed betwixe them That in case either of my said dowghters dye before the tyme of her maryage then that

¹ He was younger son of Sir William Brereton of Brereton Knt., and married Thomasine, daughter and heiress of George Ashley of Ashley Esq. See p. 185.

the same said porcōn of goodē and debtē to her that shall happen so to decease appoynted shalbe to the p̄fermēt and maryage of her said sister then lyvinge If itt fortune both my said dowghters to dye before they be maried then my said sonne George B. shall have all suche goodē as I have bequethed to my said two dowghters That my welbe[loved] mother dame Elenor Brereton widowe shall have thuse and occupacōn of all my goodē in this will and inventorye conteyned duringe her naturall lyef if itt be her pleasure so to have That the executors of this my last will hereafter named duringe and bye all the terme that my said dowghters or either of them shalbe unmarried shall have the occupaōn and receyve thissues ffrutē rentē and pffette of the late chauntrye of oʳ Ladye of St Johns in Chester to thonlye use of my said dowghters and either of theym untill suche tyme they and either of them shalbe unmarried of and for the bringinge up and fyndinge of theym w^{ch} said late chauntrye I have and houlde by reason of a lease heretofore made by S^r Peter Brereton clarke nowe decessed and the deane and chapter of St Johns in Chester Unto S^r John Dye chaplen a lytell chalice of silver that I lende unto my father in lawe George Assheleye esquier I do constitute as myne executors my welbe[loved] mother Dame Elenor Brereton widowe S^r Uryan Brereton knighte George Assheleye esquier and S^r John Dye chaplen In witnes &c.

The inventorye of the goodes and cattalls late of Richard Brereton esquier appreyssed by the othes of Wiſſm Cotgrave of Chester inholder Wiſſm Dod of Chester m^ochaunt Wiſſm Dod of the same shermōn and Robert Brokē of Upton the ij^d daye of Novemb anno Dñi 1558 by thappoyntment of the Reverende Father in God Cuthbert Bisahopp of Chester.

Att Ley nere Mydlewyche.

In the chapell.

On vestement of unwatered chamlett w th a crosse of red velvet an albe an amys a corpis and a case a stole a ffannon a girdell of whyte threede.....	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
One fayre masse booke of pchment	x ^s
On broken bell w th out a clapper by estimacion on half hundrethe weight	xv ^s
On sacringe bell	viiij ^d
On starre w th a glasse in the mydle	xx ^d

In the greate plor.

On fetherbed a boulster two pillowes and two blankette beynge very oulde and full of hooles	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
Ifm ould red mantell	ij ^s

In the litle plor.

On feither bed a boulster ij pillowes iij curtens a cov ^l lett and an ouldde coverynge	xxvj ^s viij ^d
The hanginge abowte the chamb of steyned buckeram...	xx ^s

In the chamb ov the chappell.

A feitherbed a boulster ij pillowes ij ould quilkes a tes- torne and thre curtens of course stayned fustyan w th a trusse bed and an ouldde covynge off Dorneke.....	xxxiiij ^s iiij ^d
On quyssion of silke wroghte w th a neylde and lyned w th blewe saten	v ^s
On ouldde carpett quyssyon	xij ^d
On quyssyon of Cruelles	iiij ^s
On lytle tressell	viiij ^d

In the greate chambr ov̄ the greate plor.

On feare carven bed case	xx ^s
On fether bedd	x ^s
The hanginges aboute the stone chambr ov̄ and besydes the steynige w ^{ch} my ladie payd for	xx ^s
On old throwen chere	iiij ^d
On turnige chere	xvj ^d

In the chambr ov̄ the litle plor.

On feare carven bed case	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
On litle carven bed case	vj ^s viij ^d
Two throwen cheres	x ^d

In the halle.

On cupbord w th a course voate [<i>sic</i>]	viiij ^s
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In the logher plor.

Thre curtens and a testorne of steyned clothe	iiij ^s iiij ^d
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In the Rose chambr.

The hanginge aboute the same ov̄ and besydes the staynige w ^{ch} is affermed to be payd for by my Ladie	x ^s
On trusse bed case	v ^s
A testorne and iij curtens of course steyned fustyon	vj ^s viij ^d
On cubberde	v ^s
On payre of virginalls	xxxiiij ^s iiij ^d
On lute	iiij ^s
iiij old broken vyalle	iiij ^s
On close presse	x ^s
On joyned cofer	vj ^s
Two flannanders chestre bounde w th iron	xxvj ^s viij ^d

Two launde irons on fyre shewe and one payre of tonge trymmed w th brasse	x ^s
One bakinge ston of iron	ij ^s vj ^d
On pan of brasse to cov ^r the same w th	iiij ^s
On brolinge iron.....	xx ^d
On broche	ij ^s vj ^d
On other litle broche and a bridd broche	viiij ^d
On wat ^r pott of pewter	xij ^d
Two cheres.....	x ^d
A polaxe and a huntinge staffe	xvj ^d
Two brusses	viiij ^d
On payre of spurres	viiij ^d
A morter and a pestell	vj ^s viij ^d

In the litle loft next to the Rose chamb.

A packe sadell for a sumpter horse w th thapptenñce.....	iiij ^s iiij ^d
An old hayvye sadell	ij ^s
A brydell bytt for a greate horse ..	xij ^d

Cattell.

On bay mare	xxiiij ^s iiij ^d
On bay fyllie	xxv ^s
On blake stoned horse	o ^s

In the joyned coffer in the said Rose chamb.

On box of evye for a pyxe ..	iiij ^d
Two greate christalls to sett upon image feete	ij ^s
One dosen of yellowe silke poyntes viij rybben poynte and a pece of redde bobben silke lace	vj ^d
A dosen skynnes of whyte blake and blewe threede.....	iiij ^d
Fouré broken peces of redd saten	xij ^d
On girdell of whyte silke	xij ^d

Two bells for a sump ^t horse	vj ^d
Two litle caskett ^e on cov ^e d w th velvet and thother bounde w th iron	xij ^d
Certen gardes of old velvett	iiij ^d
An old standishe.....	j ^d
On feare greate payre of amb ^o bayd ^e on shorte payre of amb ^o bayd ^e viz. ix bayd ^e and on payre of wood bayd ^e	ij ^s

Plate in the said coffer.

On great maser bole bounde wth sil^v by estymacion xxxvth
 ownnce comonly called St. Worburge bowleviiij^{li}

In the Librarye.

On masse boke of pchement	vj ^s viij ^d
The story of Huon of Burdeax	xviiij ^d
The storye of the Syege of Troye beyng ^e old	x ^d
A boke to distill waters	xvj ^d
Two litle bok ^e of hunteinge and hakinge	vj ^d
Two comūion bok ^e	
Ortus vocabulorū	xij ^d
A boke of sophista ^r	ij ^d
A boke of feit ^e of armes.....	xvj ^d
The erudicion of the faythfull	vj ^d
Two bok ^e of logicke	iiij ^s iiij ^d
On old state boke	iiij ^d
Two old bok ^e of syvell lawes.....	xij ^d
An old boke of phisicke... ..	ij ^d
An old Latten boke written conc ⁿ ēge scripture	ij ^d
A boke of jest ^e	j ^d
A booke of service of o ^r Ladie for a p ^s t in pchement and l ^r es ly ^m ed w th Gould	xx ^d

A booke conc̃inge the comūion of sayntē	j ^d
A boke of phisike	viiij ^d
A boke of estronymie.....	xij ^d
A old boke of scripture	ij ^s
A storye of greate Alex̃	viiij ^d
An old litle cronicle ..	iiij ^d
A boke of phisike	v ^s
The regyment of helthe	viiij ^d
Pyers Ploghman.....	vj ^d
Two litle bokes of scripture	xvj ^d
Virgill.....	iiij ^d
A boke of naturall philosophie	vj ^d
A boke of thorder of fryers.....	ij ^d
A declãcon apon the Actē of thapostellē	viiij ^d
A litle boke of the jurisdic̃con of the churche made by Peter Bartrad	j ^d
A litle boke collected owt of scripture	ij ^d
A boke entitled to follow Christ	iiij ^d
A breyf cronicle of the worlde	vj ^d
A fayre byble in Laten conc̃inge scripture	xiiij ^s iiij ^d
Salomans p̃verbes	iiij ^d
A litle boke [of] p̃ers.....	ij ^d
A litle boke of scripture in Latten.....	iiij ^d
A litle boke of Englishe lawes	iiij ^d
An Englishe boke called the Dore off Holye Scripture...	
A newe Testament in Englishe.....	
Natura breviū	viiij ^d
A boke of scripture written	ij ^d
Polid Virgill	vj ^d
A boke of scripture.....	xij ^d
An other boke of scripture.....	iiij ^d
Mampulē [or Manipulē] Curať	iiij ^d

Enchiridion.....	iiij ^d
Pyers Ploghman.....	viiij ^d
The homylies	
An old boke of prikesonge	j ^d
An old vestment of wolstie w th a crosse of whyte saten of Brugges an albe an amys and a stole.....	xij ^s
A hanginge to hange before the image apon the aulter of stayned fustian	viiij ^d
An hanginge for the front of the ault ⁿ	ij ^s

Harnes.

Two hed peeces a payre of splente and gauntelette.....	xx ^s
A litle tee of Flanners makinge	iiij ^s iiij ^d
A male for a sumpt ⁿ horse	vj ^s viij ^d
Fyve old candlestick ^e of brasse for the churche.....	v ^s iiij ^d
Brasen weight ^e after the standert	ij ^s vj ^d
Fyve chaundlers of brasse	v ^s iiij ^d
On chafynge dishe w th a foote	v ^s
A lav ⁿ for a barbor of brasse	ij ^s
On pye case w th a cov ⁿ xij trenchers and two cruet ^e all of pewter.....	viiij ^s
viiij potingers of pewter	vj ^s viij ^d
xij potage disshes	vj ^s
viiij saucers ...	ij ^s viij ^d
viiij brode disshes.....	x ^s viij ^d
Two candlestick ^e of pewter	iiij ^s iiij ^d
One pewter bottell	xx ^d
On London pottell	ij ^s
On littell pewter bottell.....	xij ^d
On London pynt of pewter w th a standinge foote.. ..	x ^d
Two drinkege cuppes of pewter	xij ^d
On treble boxe of pewter	ij ^d

Two wesshingē bassons of pewter	ij ^s
On great voydiar	ij ^s vj ^d
On possett boule of pewter.....	xij ^d
On bottell of glasse.....	x ^d
On brasse posnett	iiij ^s
On chafer	ij ^s viij ^d
On arminge sword	xx ^d
On litle bell ...	xvj ^d
Two shēf of old arrowes and old cases w th girdells	xvj ^d
On pax of white bon	iiij ^d
On blake walkinge staff tipped w th whyte bon above and benethe called S ^t Chadē staff.....	viij ^d
Gold weighes w th a case.....	viij ^d
A combe case w th a glasse dyall iiij combes of whyte bon	xvj ^d
On fyne standishe coved w th lether	ij ^s
A sett of chestmen w th a boxe	ij ^d
On duste boxe.....	ij ^d
On fyre ball of brasse.....	iiij ^d
Two diallē thon of evy and thother of brasse ...	viij ^d
On snuffer for candellē	iiij ^d
A sett of counters	j ^d
On hom ^o for a woodknyff	ij ^d
The image of o ^r Ladie paynted in a fayre table and pcell gilte w th paynters gyldige ..	iiij ^s iiij ^d

In on of the Flaunders chestē in the Rose chamb.

Foure cupbord carpettē and ij table carpettē... ..	v ^s
Sixteyne pillowe beares	ix ^s
xij diap napkins	vj ^s x ^d
Twentie handcarchaftē w ^{ch} semed to have byn crysams..	vj ^s viij ^d
xij napkins treyled w th silke	vj ^s viij ^d
vij cupbord clothes	viij ^s ij ^d

vj twoellē	iijs
On shorte towell an old amys and a lynnēn bage for a chalice.....	viijs ^d
On sup altaŕ	viijs ^d
Foure payre of the best flaxen sheetē	xxiijs ^a
iijs payre of flaxen sheetē of the second sort	x ^a
iijs flaxen sheetē very course	iijs ^a
ij payre of canvas sheetē	iijs ^a
On longe table clothe.....	viijs ^a
On quilke cap	vjs ^d

In a presse in the said chamb.

On payre of old buskins...	iijs ^d
Two payre of whyte velvett shoes on payre of blake velvet shoes on payre of spruce shoes.....	iijs ^a iijs ^d
On cheane of maslen	xij ^d
On payre of taringe irons	ij ^d
On wood knyf.....	iijs ^a
On blake coate gardet w th velvet w th lose sleeves	x ^a
Two payre of sore worne velvet breches and an old payre of saten breches	xij ^d
On malinge sheete of canvas	xij ^d
On velvet cap and an old velvet hatt	vjs ^a viijs ^d
On broken flagge for an au ⁿ cient ..	xvj ^d
On box w th x silke poyntē and iijs skynes of stychinge silke	vjs ^d
On blake velvet cap a bruche w th a ston and iijs ples in hitt and xxvj payre of aglettē of gold on hitt.....	lxiijs ^a iijs ^d

In the other Flann^ders chest in said chamb.

On old velvet sword gyrdell	xij ^d
On girkin of spruce leather cut and styched w th red silke	vjs ^a viijs ^d

On taffate cloke leyd apon w th bon lace	xxxij ^s iiij ^d
On whyte dublett of course sekclothe	ij ^s
On payre of whyte hose w th saten breches o ^v worne	ij ^s iiij ^d
On payre of old red hose w th breaches of red velvet	vj ^s viij ^d
On payre of blake hose made of the Italian facion and lyned w th taffate	vj ^s
A red saten dublet w th owt sleeves	xx ^s
On white saten dublett	x ^s
On old tany saten dublett	v ^s
A jacke cov ^d w th old blake saten and a payre of sleeves to the same cov ^d w th blake fustyon	v ^s
Of [<i>sic</i>] coate of plate	x ^s
On old blake velvet gyrkin	v ^s
On old gyrkin of blake pressed velvet w th ij crosses of red saten	vj ^s viij ^d
A payre of old tauny hose w th breeches of old tauny velvet sore worne	xx ^d
One payre of very old blake hose w th breaches off blake velvet	xx ^d
On payre of old blake saten sleeves cut	xij ^d
On old blake saten dublet cut and hoole brested	vij ^s
On old clothe gowne y ^e colour iron graye faced w th blake cony and lyned w th whyte	vij ^s
On old cloke of the said color gardet of hit self	ij ^s vj ^d
On shurt duple cufted and edged w th sil ^v lace	ij ^s iiij ^d
On short gowne of old branche damaske gardet w th vel- vet and faced w th conye	xx ^s
On stole	x ^d
On jacke w th a brest of plate	ij ^s iiij ^d
On old payre of sleeves of spruse leither	iiij ^d
On payre of old shoes of red velvet	vij ^d

In the halle.

In the loft in the logher ende of the halle.

On broad chest and an old coffer bound wth bands of iron iiijs

On carven close stole ijs vjd

On alter of carven worke wth a presse above and benethe v^s

xxxviii^a jd ob

On other square silver salte w th a cov ^d gilte wayēge x ownnce and a half quarter.....	l ^s vij ^d o ^b
On litle silver salt w th a cov ^d giltt weyghinge two ownnce and a half quarter	x ^s vij ^d o ^b
On silver cup w th a cov ^d gilt weyghinge x ownnce and a half and half a quarter ...	liij ^s j ^d o ^b

In Sr Uryan Brertons howse att the Nunes in Uchester.

On northeren dagg ^d w th ij knyves and a boyd- kyn pcell gilt	viiij ^s
On rap the blade old gilt apon	v ^s
On sword the blade gilt apon.....	vj ^s viij ^d

Juell^e.

On tablet of gold weyghinge ij oŵce lackinge an angelweight	vj ^{li}
On bruche of gold weyghynge ij angell ^e and a quarter	xxvj ^s viij ^d
On bracelet of gold weyghynge eight angell ^e ..	iiij ^{li}
On ringe of gold w th a turnige head and a mayde face graven therupon on gemewe of gold wrythen and on ringe of gold bendet of the hart facion wheyinge iij angell ^e and a quarter	xxxv ^s
Two ringe of gold w th dyamond ^e weyghinge iij angell ^e and a quarter.....	l ^s
On ringe of gold w th a garnet ston in hitt on other ringe of gold w th a redd garnett on other ringe of gold w th a greine ston in hitt w th ij lres vidz A A apon either side of hitt wheyēge iiij angell ^e and the iij pt of an angell.....	xliij ^s iiij ^d

Iſm in redy moneye	cxxix ^{li}	j ^d
Iſm remaynige att New Castell a tente w th ropes to the ſame w ^{ch} was laſt in the houſe of Willelm Harrȳgton in Newe Castell apon Tyne dwellige att the ſyne of the Crowne in Pelgā Streite ofered for the ſame	iiij ^{li}	
Two knowches of gold for a cap thon w th a ple thother w th a garnet a bruche of gold w th the kinge armes in hitt and iiij ples and ij ſtones apon the ſame vidz thon a ſafure thother a garnett weyghinge vj angellē...	iiij ^{li}	
On eye ſton ſett in ſilv ^r		vij ^d
On hert of ſilver gilt w th xix ples on litle knowche of ſilver w th iiij garnettē and a ple on whiſtell of ſilver gilt and on gemewe of ſilver wyre weyghinge an ownnce and a quarter... ..	vij ^s	
Two mase ringe of ſilver and on toythe pyke of ſilver weyghinge iiij qrs of an ownnce...	iiij ^s	
On litle hulped rynge of ſilver and gold.... ..	ij ^s	
On fruntelet of ſilver gilt weyghinge ij owñce quarter and a half quarter	xij ^s	
On blue ringe	ij ^s	vj ^d
On cheane of gold weyghinge vij owñce and a qūtr̄... ..	xxiiij ^{li}	xv ^s
On ſyned of gold w th a brere and a ſton on turinge ringe of gold w th a dead mans head on thone ſyde and an achorne on the other ſyde weyghinge vij angellē... ..	iiij ^{li}	x ^s
Stones to ſett in ringes.		
xxvij ples weyghinge half a quarter and half of a quarter of an ownnce		ij ^s vj ^d

On Cornelus	ij ^d	
On crapadyn	ij ^d	
Two dublettē	ij ^d	
v stones made of glasse and on whyte amell...	ij ^d	
On serpentē tonge	ij ^s	vj ^d
On litle pece of a unicornes horne	v ^s	
On whyte sittarne		vj ^d
On amytiſtē		iiij ^d
ix litle blewe stones		ix ^d
iiij litle stones on whyte an other redd an other greyne.....		iiij ^d
iiij great blewe stones.....		viiij ^d
On litle ple.....		o ^b
On litle red ston and on other blake.....		ij ^d
iiij litle currallē		o ^b
On very litle rose of gold amyled		iiij ^d
On rebewe	ij ^s	vj ^d
On litle turkē		viiij ^d
On litle juell coffer set abowt w th mother of ple and garnysshed w th copper and gilt...		vj ^s viij ^d
£ me Wiſſm Dode. £ me Robtū Brokē.		
.		
A litle nagge	xxiiij ^s	
On litle chaſes weyghinge vj o ^z	xxvij ^s	
ij brasse chaundlers for wax on pillowe of whyte velvet and gold on litle iron bound cofer a ruſhet mātell and a candle stycke of wood		xx ^s iiij ^d
A box viij spice plates on old quishion the pic- ture of o ^r Ladye on lute on litle box on old male on herse x pillowe beres liij table napkins		xliiij ^s viij ^d

On longe box togather w th all on walkīge staff	
one fyre shewell carven lattē a payre of old	
tables a sett of chest men of oliphantē	
teeth on litle boke of palmesy	vij ^s x ^d
On litle standert of twiggē to sett an hot dishe	
on	jd

The copy of the inventorye off Richard Brereton esquier deceased.

TESTAMENTUM THOME SCHARESBREK
ARMIGERI.¹

IN Dei noīe Amē The iiijth day of October the xxij yē off the reigne off Kyng Henry the viijth I Thomas Scharesbreke esquier beyng holl of mynd and knowyng the howre off deth un²ten ordeyne and make my testament and last will in man¹ and forme foloyng ffyrst I beqweth my sowle to allmyghty God o^r Lady Saint Mary and all the holy cōpany off heavē and my body to be buret in the pyche churche off Ormeskyrke befo^r the ymage off Sanct Nicholas on the sowthe syde off the sayd churche Also I beqwethe my best qwyke catell to the curate off my pych churche in name off my mortua^r And forsomyche as I have coven²nted w^t Dorothe Bothe wydowe for the mariage off my son and heire apparent as appereth by ²ten indenturē beiryng dayte the vjth day off July the xxth yē off Kyng Henry the viijth I can not adde alter nor minusche any

¹ No date of probate. Thomas, son of Gilbert Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick by Margaret, daughter of Thomas Poole of Poole in the county of Chester Esq., married Elizabeth, base daughter of Thomas Earl of Derby, by whom he had James, Gilbert, Margaret wife of Langtree of Langtree, Maud, and Anne. His son and heir James married Dorothy, daughter of John Booth of Barton Esq., from whom, through an heiress, descends Charles Scarisbrick of Scarisbrick Esq. — *Lanc. Visit.* 1567.

articull or covenñt specified in the sayd indentures but to my grete dannger and dannger of my sureties onlesse I have the cōsent off the sayd Dorathe I will that the feoffes of my maners landꝝ and tentꝝ &c. shall stond and be seased off londꝝ and tentꝝ &c. off the clere yerely value off tenne markes ov̄ rep̄ses wyche be specified and notified in a scedule to this my will annexed to th'use off my sone Gilbte Scharesbrek for terme off his lyffe &c. Also I will that my sayd feoffes schall stand and be seased off other landꝝ and tentꝝ &c. to and off the yerely value off xx^{ti} pondꝝ ov̄ rep̄ses &c. to th'use of Jane my wyffe ffor terme of hur lyffe &c. in the name and full recompense off her ioynture and dower yff she wilbe y^rw^t content or ells she to be at liberte to sewe at the comen lawe for her lawfull porcion off my sayd landꝝ Also I will that iff any pson or psons do vex trowble sewe by accion or cōplant myne executors anendꝝ the execution off this my last will or when they take payne to ryde goo or labour anendꝝ or for the execution off my said will then I will that my said executors and ev̄y off them schall receyve and take off th'issues pfettꝝ and renewes off myne other landꝝ not herbefore willed nor specified all thayr reasanable costꝝ and expenses and that my feoffes schall suffur them so to do or ellꝝ the said costꝝ and expenses to be had off my gudꝝ and catellꝝ Also I will that my feoffes and thaire heires schall stand and be seased off all and ev̄y pcell off myne other maners landꝝ and tentꝝ and other the p̄misses wheroff I am now ptyñ off the pfittꝝ to the use heřaftur ensuyng that is to wytte wheř I and my said sureties stand bounden by ow^r esc̄ptes obligatorie to the said Dorothe in grete sūmes off money amonges other articles that iff it happen her doghtors ffrancys and Dorathe to decesse before that thay or ether off them whych shall fortune to marie Jams my son and heire apparent or any other my son and heire apparent before that the said dotor so married or that oon off them long^{er} lyvyng come and be off the full age off xvij yeres havynɡ non issue inheritable to my said landꝝ by any my son

and heire apparent then beyng in playne lyffe that then I schall repaye to the said Dorathe the moder the moytie and halffdeale off all such sūmes off money as I have receyved off her or schall receyve befor̄ the decesse off the sayd doghters for the said mariage Wheř for̄ iff this case happen wyche God forbydde then I will that my said feoffes schall suffur my said sureties and their heris to take and pceyve off my maners land̄ and tent̄ afor̄ said the fyrst yere next aft̄ the decesse off the said Frances and Dorathe the doghters-fortie markes and evy yere aftur twentie markes at days accustomed untill they and evy off them be clerely exōlated and discharged off the said payment̄ anendes the said Dorathe the mader and her executors Also I will that my said feoffes shall stond and be seassed off meases land̄ and tennt̄ to and off the clere yerely value off xx^{li} pcell off myne inherit^{ce}unce and that thay suffur myne executors to pceyve and take th'issues and pfitte off the same for th'exibicion and mariage off my thre dorthtors Margaret Maude and Anne untill the tyme the sūme off two hundreth pownd̄ theroff be pceyved and tayken by my said executors and to be put in the kepyng off the p^{ro}or and cōvent off Byrkyn[head] ffor the use aforesaid and this to be done by the advise off the supvisors off this my will Also I will that my howse-holl serv^{nt}̄t̄ wych have waḡ off me and dwell in my howse at the tyme off my decesse schall have evy off them on quarters waḡ Also it is my will that myne uncull James Scharesbrek schall have the custodie rule and gov^{na}unce off my son Gylbte and his land̄ and se hym kepet to scole and th'issues off his said land̄ not to be wastyd but to be employed to his use and pfitte untill he com and be off the age off xx^{ti} yeres Also it is my will that iff I fortune to decesse my son and heire beyng not at his full age that my said feoffes and their heris schall stand and be seassed off pcell off suche my land̄ tennt̄ and hereditamēt̄ as then schuld remane to my son and heire or to any other clamying by or to his use to and off the clere yerely value off sex markys to the use that an honest pst wyche schalbe elect by

myn executors wyche schall yerely have the sayd sex markç for the
 space off sevyen yeris to say masse at the alter off Sanct Nicholas in
 the pyche church off Ormyskyrke and to do other divine service
 dayle in the said churche and to pray for my sole and my parentç
 and all crysten soules onlesse that he have a resanable and a lafull
 impedimēt yff it so may be w^owte hurte or piudice off my sayd
 suretç in breychen off eny off my coveñntç or articles specified in
 the said indenturç off mariage off my said son and heire apparent
 Also &c. that all suche my guddç and catellç and sūmes off money
 as be owghyng to me for the mariage off my son and heire apparent
 as schall remayne ov^r my fuhall expenses my dettç and legacies befor
 rehersed wyche I may lafully giffe or beqwethe schall growe and be
 bestowed toward th'exibicion and mariage off my said doghters Also
 &c. that all suche guddç and catellç and utensils as schall be wryten
 in a byll or scedule hereto annexed aft^r my decesse schall remane in
 my man^r place off Scharesbreke to the use off my son and heire and
 so to cōtynewe there as heire lomes to myne heires lordç off Schares-
 breke Also that my said feoffes schall suffur myne executors to take
 and pceyve yerely off the issues and pfittes off my sayd maners
 meases &c. as myche mone as schalbe necessary for the repation and
 sustentation off my man^r place off Scharesbreke w^t the barnes oxen
 howses howses off office and all other edifices w^tin the scituation off
 my sayd man^r place frome tyme to tyme duryng the nonage off my
 son and heire apparent and to se the sayd money employed to the
 same use and to no other Also that my sayd feoffes and also my sayd
 son and heire apparent and in lyke wyse Jane my wyffe and Gylbt
 my son schall suffur all suche ten^{nt}ç and fermors as now have in
 ferme or hold eny lond off me at my will or for terme off yeres
 schall suffur the same peaceably to occupye there fermes leysse and
 ten^{nt}ç w^t th'appurteñntç payng for the same lyke fermes rentç and
 services as thay do to me w^owte expulsion or vexation duryng the
 nonage off my son and heire apparent And also I require and hertely

praye myne entierly beloved cosyn Robt Hesketh and myne uncle James Scharesbrek esquiers to be o^vsears off this my last will and humbly and hertely require them to se this my will to be truly executed and pformed Also I ordayne and make Ranulphe Pole clerke Jamys my son and Richard Aghton to be myne executors and adminstrators off my guddē and catellē trustyng in them that this my last will schall be by them truly executyd In wittenes where off to this my sayd last will I have sette my seale thes beyng wyttenes S^r Rog^d Burskowe S^r Rog^d Shawgh chapleyns James Waryng Wiffm Watkynson Ewan Hill and other.

The cope off the scedule off heire lomes at Scharesbrek.

In the chapell.

Tow vestimētē tow chesibles two albes a chales a corporas a sup altare awlter clothes w^t others belongynge to the same two masse bokys xij ymages closed in box cases two ymages not closed.

In the kychyn and brewhowse.

The grete brasse pottē two long broches a payre off yron rakkes two grette fowrnes fyve leades sette in tře to walle worte in a bryndreth in the kechen.

In the buttre.

Twelve sylver spones.

In the chamber.

The best chamber henged the best feder bed w^t the bolster a payre off the best shetē w^t blankettē the best cownterpoynthe w^t a sparvor Item thre flawnnders chestē two off the best pyllowis.

In the lardo^r howse.

A grete saltyng troghe off stone two saltyng troghes off wodde.

In the hall.

All the tables formes and trestles wyche be used there w^t the best table clothe Item a bulle and a boore.

TESTAMENTUM LAURENTII MAYNWAYRING.¹

IN y^e nayme off God amē y^e xxth off July in y^e ye^r of o^r Lord God mecccc and xxxiiij I Laurens Maynwayryng hole and pfyte off mynd mayke my testamēt I cōmend and betake my sole to God almythty and my body to be buret in y^e Nontwyche churche I giffe to y^e sayd churche vj^s viij^d pvidyt y^t no mo^r be askyt by reson off any custom for my bureall Also I will y^t ye abbey [abbot] off Cōburme^r have his due porcion for my mortuarye Also I giffe to S^r Thomas Ankers x^s desyryng h^y to say a trentall off masses in y^e Nontwyche church for my sole my wyfe child and all crysten soles Also I giffe to y^e sayd S^r Thom^s v^d desyryng h^y to say dirige and masse off ye v wonds for a frend y^t y^e curet will schew h^y off and vij^d to pore fokes for y^e sayme pson latly deptyd Also I will y^t Anker [*sic*] fad^o my pntes schall have xiiij^s pvydit y^t my sayd prent^e will pforme his prenteschypse as long as [he] was absent and make gud suche cappes as he sold wen he went And whe^r John Mynton dyd desyre me to giffe h^y a cappe and I dyd pmyse h^y y^o for I beqweth h^y a cappe off y^e best y^t I have I giffe to Robt my prent^e a serke and his workyng scher^e I giffe to Ranald Stēson a cappe y^e [best] off y^e ij prest^e cappe I giffe to my cosyn Ole^v Maynwayring a daggar and a pollax and to Hūfray Maynwayring a thycke cote and a pollax I giffe to Schenton wyffe a buschell off whete and to hur son my prent^e a Kendall jacket ij serke howse schone and a cappe I giffe Jone my bastard doghtur vj^s viij^d To John Fleecher a gowne and a salet and To John Ankers a jacket and a payre off hoose Also I giffe and beqweth to my iij doghtors for yay^r chyld^e part^e y^t is to Magery sevē pound^e sterlyng and y^e best sylver pese and all brokyn mone in my cofer to Margaret vij^{li} and y^e beste panne to Anne vij^{li} and my

¹ No date of probate.

beste gowne Also when my dett^e beqwethis and funⁿall expensis be payd then I giffe, &c. y^e resydue off all my gud^e and tack^e and gronde to Ellyn my wyffe Also I orden and make my trysty cosyn Hūfray Maynwayring and Ellyn my wyffe my executors and my trusty cosyn Ole^v o^vsear off this testament Wyttenes John Maynwayring gentillmā John Prachet and Ranalld Stenson curatt Giffen y^e day and ye^r beforseyd.

TESTAMENTUM MARGARETE HOLFORDE.¹

IN Dei noīe Amen Vicesimo quarto die mensis Augusti anno Dñi millimō quingentesimo quadrigesimo I Margaret Holford wedow late wyffe of Robert Holford of Nether Pever in the counte of Chest^r gētylman now decessed beyng hole in bodye and havng my good remembrañce and mynde dredyng the uncerten tyme of deathe make my last wyll and testament aft^r this maner and forme followyng ffirste I beqyth my sole to almyghtie God to our blessed ladie Saynte Marie and to all the celestially cumpanye of hevyn and my bodie to be buried in [the] chauncell of the churche of Nether Pever afforsayde nygh unto my saide husbande Also I gyve &c. to the forsayd churche of Nether Pever x^s sterlyng ther to be prayed fore Also I gyve &c. to sūme honest and well disposed prest other x^s sterlyng for to say a trentall of masses for my sole and for the sole of my tow husband^e Also I giffe &c. to my doughter Katheryn my best demye my best bedys my best flore my best gowlde ryng^e all my beddyng pewter brasse and all other my instue [*sic*] and stuffe of howshowlde what some ever it be Also to the forsayd Katarine

¹ No date of probate. Margaret, widow of Robert, third son of Thomas Holford of Holford Esq. by Maud, daughter of William Buckley, Deputy Judge of Chester. — Ormerod, vol i. p. 404.

my doghter ij sil^v spones besid^e hyr pte off the other x^t silver spones Also I will y^t all my gownes and kyrtellis and all other mye joellis not before bequethed shalbe reserved and 'unbequethed wich I will have to giff att mye laste ende off mye deth to whom itt shall then please and content me Also to Dorathe Holford doghter off my sone John a heffur off iij yeris olde Also to M^ogerie Hoford doghter off my sone Philippe a sil^v spone Also to Philippe Hoford to Vane Mathew and Brian mye sones and to Katarine mye doghter ten sil^v spones equallie to be devidet among^e them bye even porcions Also mye bodie buried according to my degree and my det^e payde of my holle good^e then I will y^t all the residue of my good^e and catal^e and cornes shalbe devyded equallye by evyn portiones among^e my forsayd foure sonnes and my forsayd doghter Katheryn ffor as for John Holforde and Bartelmew Holforde my sonnes and Elenor Blanch and Esabell my doghters it is my will that the shall have no pte of my good^e cornes nor catal^e for the have hadde ther chyld^e pte of good^e and have seallett me acquietaunce therfor Also I will that Phillippe Holforde my sonne shall have all the grounde that I holde of Mr. Peres Werberton knynght caled Grosners feld^e aft^r my decesse Also I orden constituted and make Philipp Holford Evyn and Mathewe my sonnes and Katheryn my dought^r my faythfull executors to see that this my last will and teastament be accōplessed and trulie pformed as the shall answer befor the face of God at the dredfull day of jugment Also I orden and make my most trustye and welbeloved in Christe S^r Peres Dutton of Dutton knyght to be the overseere of this my last will and teastement and to see that my saide executors trulye pforme this my last will and testament that the nor non other psone nor psons lete nor stope my will and testament as my speciall trust and confidens is in hyme Wytnes wher of to this my last will and testament I the forsayde Margarye Holford wedow have sett my seale the day and yere above specified thes beyng wittenes Maist^r George Holforde gentelman S^r Thomas

Eggerton Sr John Bentley preist^e Wiffm Byrchenhed teyliar withe others.

TESTAMENTUM DOMINE ANNE STANLEY.¹

IN the name of God Amen The xx^{tie} day of Novēbre in the yere of o^r Lord 1557 and in the fourth and vth yeres of Phelippe and Marie &c. I Dame Anne Stanley of good and pfitte remembraunce praise and lawde be unto almightie God do ordeyne and make this my last will and testamēt in manⁿ and forme followinge ffirst I geve and bequethe my soull to almightie God o^r Ladie Saint Marie and unto all the hollie cumpanye of heaven and my bodie to be buried wⁱⁿ the pishe churchē of Blakburne Item I geve to the said churchē to be prayd for vj^s viij^d Item &c. to Robt^e Page my servaunt the bed that he lyethe upon w^t all the clothis therto belongingē I^m &c. to John Kenion my servaunt iiij^{or} shepe I^m &c. unto M^ogaret Grene my servaⁿt my frise gowne I^m &c. unto Anne Gibson my servaunt on whye stirke The residue of all my good^e moveable and unmoveable my dett^e and quydd^e paid my funerall expensis discharged I geve &c. unto S^r Thom^s Talbot knight my sonne whom I do ordeyne and make my true and lawfull execut^r willinge hym to se that this my last will and testamēt be fulfilled wth like effecte as I put hym in trust and as he will answe^re before God Thes beynge witnes S^r George Bromley p^rest Henry Filden Ri^c Hindill and Thom^s Whalley wth others.

¹ No date of probate. The testatrix was daughter of Percival Hart of Lullingston in the county of Kent, Knt. She married, first, Edmund Talbot of Bashall Esq., by whom she had an only son, Sir Thomas Talbot Knt. Afterwards she married James, younger son of George Stanley, Baron Strange K.G. (ob. v. p.), eldest son of Thomas first Earl of Derby. From this marriage the present Earl of Derby is descended. — Whitaker's *Hist. of Craven*, p. 24; Nicolas's *Synopsis of the Peerage*, vol. i. p. 188.

TESTAMENTUM JOHANNIS CARINGTON DE
CARINGTON ARMIGERI.¹

Ʋbať xxviiij Novembř aňo m^ve liiiij^{to}.

IN the name of God Amen The ixth day of the monthe of Decembř in the yere after the incarnaċon of o^r Lord Jhu Christ m^ve liij and in the yere of the reigne of o^r most gracious sovaygne Ladie Marie by the grace of God quene of England Fraunce and Ireland defendo^r of the faithe and in earthe sup^me head of the churchē of England and also of Ireland the first, I John Carington of Carington wthin the countie of Chester esquier do by thes p^{nt}s declare ordeyne constitute and make my last will and testamēt in manⁿ and forme as hereafter ensuethē That is to say ffirst and principallie I cōmend my sowle into the hand^ç of my Lord God most humblie besechingē hym by the merites of his sonne o^r Lord Jhu Christes passion to associate the same wth his glorious cumpanie of angell^ç and electe saunt^ç in heavin And I will that my bodie shalbe buried in Xtian sepulture in the poche churchē of Bowdon in the countie of Chester wthin the chapell there called St^t Nicolas chapell wherin the bodies of my

¹ John, son and heir of John Carrington of Carrington Esq., by Margaret, daughter of Sir John Warburton of Arley Knt., married first Anne, daughter of — Legh of Boothes, who had no issue. He married secondly Ellen, daughter of George Booth of Dunham Esq. by whom he had a son and heir, John, and three daughters, Elizabeth, Joane, and Elinor. He married thirdly Ellen, daughter of William Brereton of Brereton Esq., the mother of William, Andrew, and Katherine Carrington. The testator died 19th November 1 Mary, and was succeeded by his son and heir John Carrington, who left an only daughter and heiress, Jane, wife of Sir George Booth of Dunham Knt. Though she had no issue by him and was afterwards divorced, the Carrington estate remained in the possession of Sir George Booth and is now the property of the present Earl of Stamford and Warrington, the representative of the noble family of Booth of Dunham Massey. — Ormerod, vol. i. pp. 411, 412. Dr. Ormerod's statement as to the death of the testator is inconsistent with the date of the will.

father and other of my auncestors have bene heretofore buried And touchinge the paymēt of my mortuarye hit is my will that hit be paid accordinge to the tenor of the acte of Pylamēt in suche case pvyded And where my said father by his last will and testamēt gave and bequethed unto me the said John a chaine of golde and willed that the same shuld after my decesse be lefte to remaine to the heires males of my bodie and so from heire male to heire successyvelie to continue and be to the heires males inheritors of the manor of Carington and there to remaine as an heirelome of his gyfte for ev^r And did also bequeth to my sonne and heire apparent John Carington one crucifixe of gold and one grett pece of gold coyned of the value of v^{li} xij^s or nere thereabout and did also by his said last will geve and bequethe to me and to my said sonne John the residue of all those his goodde and cattaille w^{ch} shuld happen to remaine unspent ov^r and above the paymēt and discharge of his dettē and funnallē and of his legacies and bequestē in the said will mencōed and willed that I shuld duringe my liefē have the rule and order of the said residue of the saide goodde and cattaille so as is aforsaide bequethed to me and to my said sonne John C. as by the said last will and testamēt of my said father amonge dyverse other thinge therin conteynid more at large hit may appere Sithens the makinge of w^{ch} saide last will and testamēt of my said father I the said John C. have caused the said chaine of gold bequethid by my said father as is aforsaid to be altered and newlie made and fashioned and for the betteringe therof have put into the same as well the said crucifixe of gold as also certen other gold of myne owne wherbie the chaine nowe made is much better then the said chaine and crucifixe bequethid by my saide father as afore was wherfore I myndinge that the true meaninge of my said father touchinge his said legacie of the chaine aforsaid shuld be accomplished will and by thes p^rsentē I bequethe to my saide sonne John C. my said chaine of gold newlie made and fasshioned as afore willinge and requiringe hym to leave the same at his decesse to suche

pson as shall happen then to be here male and owner of the said manor of Carington to thentent the same may remaine from here male to here male as an herelome in lyeu and recompence of the said chaine bequethed as afore by my said father And I will that my saide [son] John C. shall have the saide pece of gold of the value of vli xij^s or thereabout bequethed to him by my said father and also shall have all other those and suche the gooddes and cattall^e late of my saide father as at the tyme of my deathe shall happen to remaine or be in my hand^e custodie possession or kepinge unadmistred and not allevid sold exchannged or otherwyse spent gevin bestowed or put away since the deathe of my saide father to be had and enjoyed to my said sonne John C. to his awne use in liew and recompence of all those gooddes and cattall^e late of my saide father w^{ch} the same my father by his said last will did geve and bequethe to me and my said sonne joyntlie as ys aforsaide All which chaine goodd^e cattall^e and other the premyses appointed or bequethed to my said sonne John I will shalbe in the custodie order and kepinge of myne executors hereafter named untill my said sonne shalbe of the full age of xxj^{ti} yeres yf he so longe do lyve And concerninge the disposicōn of all those myne owne prop goodd^e and cattall^e w^{ch} were not heretofore the gooddes or cattall^e of my saide father I will that all my dett^e and likewyse the charges and expenns of my buriall and fuⁿball^e and all thing^e touchinge the same and the probate of my testamēt shalbe in all thing^e paid pformed and done of my aside goodd^e and cattail^e before any dyvision or particōn therof And after the same my dett^e and charges and expenc^e of my buriall and fuⁿball^e wth the probate of my testamēt and all things touchinge the same shalbe paid pformed and done of my hole gooddes and cattall^e then I will that all suche pte and porcōn of my saide goodd^e and cattall^e as shall then remaine unspent and not bestowed or paid shalbe devided in thre pte as egallie and indifferentlie as hit may be done by and wth the advyse and consent of my said execu^t Of w^{ch}

my goodde and cattallē so in thre ptē to be devided I will that my welbelovid wiefē Ellin C. shall have to her owne use one of the same thre ptē at her owne choyse and election to be taken after the division therof for and in full recompence and satisfaction of her pte and porōn to her belonginge for her reasonable pte of all my goodde and cattallē And of the other two partē and residue of my saide goodde and cattaille so in thre partē to be as is aforseide devided I geve and bequethe to evy one of my servⁿntē at this present receyvinge my wages the some of one quarters wages And also whereas my singular good cosin John Grymisdiche owethe unto me v^{li} xv^s iiij^d I wth hartie thanke remitte the same unto hym And also I geve to my cosin his wiefē the colt heretofore to her by me pmysed And all the residue of the said two partē I geve to my children that is to witt to my sonne and heire John C. my sonne W^m C. my sonne Andrewe C. and to my iiij^{or} doughtors Elizabeth C. Elenor C. Joan C. and Ka^t C. equallie and indifferentlie by the discrecōn of my saide executors And I make my lawfull executors the right worshipfull and my trustie frend John Warburton knight my welbelovid wiefē my brother in lawe Edward Holland esquier my brother Hamlet C. and my brother George C. And concerninge my chapleyne S^r Nicolas Warburton I will that he have xl^s wth meate and drinke and honest lodginge or els iiij^{li} for his full stipend accordinge to the gyfte of my father to be receyvid at myne executors handē of the profettē of all my tithes and of the ov^{er}plus of the lease of my demaine landē of Carington And also I geve to my neybo^{rs} in Carington xl^s and other xl^s for my neybo^{rs} in Flixton Also I will that the occupacōn of my tithe corne of Carington and also my white tithe of Carington Ptington and of the halfe towne of Ashton and my cōvent seale in Thelwall shalbe unto my wiefē and children untill suche tyme as my sonne and heire come and be of the age of xxjth yeres And then they and evy of them to be and remaine to my saide sonne and heire and to my howse of Carington Also I geve to the said S^r John Warburton knight my

blacke amblinge geldinge and an old ryall of gold And also to my brother Edward Holland an other riall of gold and to my brothers Hamlet George and Bonaventure and to evy of them a pece of gold And I geve to my brother Andrewe Brerton my gray hobbie And I geve unto Rafe Holland for old familiaritie betwixe us some reasonable thinge of the monie againe w^{ch} he oweth me And I geve unto my brother Bonaventure the monie that W^m Ward owethe me And I geve unto John Shirt of the some y^t he oweth me xx^s at the lest And I geve to S^r W^m Brerton x^{li} of suche monie as he oweth unto me And I remitt to my said brother Bonaventure xv^s w^{ch} he oweth me Thes beynges witnes Ri^c Warbton clarke Edward Salesburie John Rydinge Thom^s Martin Gervase Lacie Henrye Baguley wth manie others.

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